



NO-SHOWS COST THE NHS £1.5M

Report by Heather Large

PATIENTS failed to turn up to nearly 15,000 appointments at Dudley's hospitals in just six months – costing the NHS £1.5 million.

Hundreds of hours of clinic time were lost due to people missing their out-patient appointments between January and June this year.

Paula Clark, chief executive of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Russells Hall Hospital and the Guest Out-patient Centre, both in Dudley, and Corbett Out-patient Centre in Stourbridge, said a total of 14,817 sessions were missed.

She is now urging patients to warn hospital staff if they can't make it, so someone else can have the slot.

Every time a patient fails to show, it costs the hospital trust an average of around £70. This includes the staffing resource wasted and the cost of additional letters and time taken to re-schedule appointments.

Ms Clark said: "When a patient doesn't attend on the day, it's too late to offer their slot to somebody else. If patients can't attend their appointment, it's really important that they let us know so we can reschedule for another time and offer the appointment to somebody else who needs it."

"To help reduce the number of DNAs (did not attend) we have introduced a text message reminder service which reminds patients a few days before they are due to have an appointment."

The free text reminders contain the date and time of the appointment as well as the location and name of the clinician that the patient is due to see. The hospital trust has previously posted reminder messages on its website, urging people to contact staff if they are unable to attend.

Waste

Last year, between January 1 and December 31, a total of 40,719 appointments were missed by patients.

In July, health secretary Jeremy Hunt said missed hospital appointments cost the taxpayer £750m and missed GP appointments cost £162m. It's estimated 6.9 million slots go to waste because people do not turn up.

Mr Hunt said patients who miss appointments should be told how much they have cost the NHS. He also wants to display the cost of prescription medicines on packets in a bid to reduce medicine waste.

The bill at Dudley comes as bosses work to balance the books in the wake of Government funding cuts. Bosses have been reviewing the positions of temporary staff, those on fixed-term contracts, and bank and agency workers. They have also been looking at reducing overtime and recruitment to non-clinical vacancies to claw back costs.

HUNDREDS JOIN IN BATTLE OF BRITAIN TRIBUTE



Brian Lee from the Worcestershire Regimental Association lays a wreath during the Battle of Britain service at Dudley Cenotaph

HUNDREDS paid solemn tribute to those who fought in the Battle of Britain at a remembrance parade and service in Dudley.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the fight in the skies above Britain in the Second World War that effectively halted Nazi Germany's invasion of Britain by defeating the Luftwaffe.

With the anniversary being marked across the country, Dudley's annual Battle of Britain thanksgiving commemoration took on greater significance on Sunday.

Veterans, RAF members and the Air Train-

ing Corps paraded ahead of the service at St Thomas and St Luke Church, also known as Top Church, in High Street.

Around 130 Air Cadets marched through the town creating a spectacle for hundreds of people lining the streets and attending the services.

The cadets came from eight squadrons in the Black Country including Stourbridge, Halesowen and West Bromwich.

The service was held in the church before the cadets led a parade back through the town to take a salute from dignitaries on the steps

of Dudley Council House. Cadets then lined up in front of Dudley's cenotaph before the Last Post signalled a two minute silence and wreath laying ceremony.

Among speakers was John Deane, aged 78, of Maygrove Road, Kingswinford, who joined the RAF in 1955, serving in Iraq and Cyprus. He now works with Air Training Corps inspiring young people. He is also member of the Dudley branch of the RAF Association.

"I'm proud to be here and see so many people come out to take part in the event," he said.

POLICE

Officers target litter hotspot with patrols

YOBS have been hanging around shops and a church in Lye causing disruption and littering.

Police have stepped up patrols following complaints of groups congregating in Lye High Street, near Christ Church.

Sergeant Lynn Couldrey said: "The neighbourhood team has received an increase in reports of litter and general low-level anti-social behaviour in the High Street area of Lye where groups are congregating on an evening."

She said officials are speaking to businesses and residents in the area.

BANK

HSBC decides to close branch

A BRANCH of HSBC will close in December after a 'significant fall' in the number of people using it.

The Brierley Hill branch, in High Street, will close its doors for the final time on December 4. Officials said they were working with the five staff to find them roles at other branches.

Spokesman Sorrel Beynon said: "Unfortunately use of the Brierley Hill branch has fallen significantly over the past few years and we have taken the difficult decision to close it."

ACCIDENT

Crossing call after boy, 9, is injured

A nine-year-old boy suffered a head injury when hit by a car in Wordsley. The accident happened in Bromley Lane.

Police and paramedics were called to the scene at around 10am on Saturday.

West Midlands Police spokesman Brigg Ford said the boy was conscious and talking to officers at the scene. He was taken to hospital for further treatment.

The accident has prompted calls for safety improvements. Councillor Derrick Hemingsley said: "I have asked Dudley Council to investigate both Bromley Lane crossings and Rangeways Road to seek their view on crossing lights."

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Morrisons drop deal for Seven Stars

SUPERMARKET giant Morrisons has pulled out of a deal which would have seen a Sedgley pub demolished and replaced with a convenience store – much to the delight of campaigners.

Protesters who have been trying to save the Seven Stars in Sedgley were handed the unexpected boost as the troubled company withdrew its licensing application for a new store.

Morrisons had appeared all set to take over the pub after being granted planning permission when Dudley Council's decision to reject the appli-

cation was overturned at appeal. But the saga surrounding the Gospel End Road venue has taken another twist with the supermarket chain pulling out.

Earlier this month the firm announced that it was to sell off 140 M local convenience stores, many of which were making a loss. The new store to replace the Seven Stars was primed to be an M local store.

Then last week, Morrisons announced it was to close 11 of its supermarkets, including sites in West Bromwich and Oldbury.

It came after the company posted disappointing profits results in March, reporting a 52 per cent slump.

Morrisons spokesman James French said: "I can confirm that we have withdrawn the current licence application on the Seven Stars."

Campaigners have claimed victory after hearing their news but there remains a question mark over whether Greybull Capital, which purchased the M local stores, will take over from where Morrisons left off and try to put a store on the site themselves.

A fierce campaign has been led by

regular pub-goers and residents to try to save the pub since Morrisons first confirmed its interest late last year.

Activists even staged a protest outside the headquarters of Marston's brewery, which owns the pub, in Wolverhampton to get their message across to bosses.

Sedgley Councillor and UKIP MEP Bill Etheridge, who has been part of the campaign, said: "This is great news for the local community, who fought so long and so hard to keep their pub."

Sales boost sees jobs created at kitchen firm

A **KINGSWINFORM** company that designs, makes and installs commercial kitchens has stepped up recruitment.

Francis Catering Equipment, which currently employs 46 at its base in Ham Lane, has seen business soar from under £200,000 to more than £1.2 million within the past 18 months.

Aardvark Marketing Consultants and Heart of England Sandler Training Centre collaborated on a sales and marketing programme for the business, established in 1973, that has totally changed how Francis Catering approach look for new clients.

Chris Hutchinson, managing director of Aardvark Marketing, said: "Our objective was to generate £1 million of new business sales per annum over a five-year period. Using a mix of communication channels, and rigorous measurement, we have exceeded our targets."

Francis Catering Equipment employs a large team of skilled craftsmen, making it one of the largest design houses in the West Midlands. It designs, manufactures, installs and maintains commercial kitchens for a variety of sectors including bars, restaurants, schools, hospitals and local authorities.

"I can't believe how much the sales generator programme has changed the nature and values of our activities," said managing director Neil Humphries.

The company has been recruiting welders, labourers, drivers, ventilation engineers, plumbers, electricians, gas fitters and warehouse staff as a result of the growth.

Two out of three pub schemes are rejected

CAMPAIGNERS have claimed a victory after two controversial plans for supermarkets to be built on pub sites were thrown out by planners.

Residents have been battling proposals by New River Retail to tear down the Maypole Inn, Halesowen, and replace it with a Co-Operative convenience store. They have also fought plans for a store on the car park of the Ashwood Inn, Wordsley.

The public gallery at Dudley Council's development control committee was filled with cheers as both schemes were rejected on Monday. A similar plan to build a Co-Op store on the car park at The Crown, in Netherton, was approved after councillors received only four letters of objection.

New River Retail are now considering their next step. Defiant campaigners said they were ready to continue the battle. New River Retail has submitted plans at several pubs across the Black Country after brewery Marston's sold 202 pubs in a £90 million deal.

Poundland founder opens charity



POUNDLAND founder Steve Smith paid a visit on Saturday. Mr Smith, originally from Willenhall, said: "It was an absolute honour to be asked to open the charity. It was amazing talking to the parents, who were saying that before the programme some of their children were finding it hard to get up in the morning but now they are happy and full of life."

Mr Smith hopes to find more funding for those with learning disabilities in the local area.

He added: "It's about getting more people involved in charities like this in the local area, and most importantly helping them get on a road to a brighter future."

Owners Karen Muller and the VIP's namesake Steve Smith came up with the initiative after being made redundant. Ms Muller added: "We were based in Lye and when our other programme closed it was devastating for those who attended."

"We knew that we needed to continue with the hard work but at new premises."

Council act over repairs rubbish

MEASURES have been put in place after residents complained waste was being left outside council houses following refurbishment work.

Dudley Council said the target collection for rubbish created by housing repairs was by close of the next working day following a job completion. Officials said the performance for the current financial year, for April to July, was 97 per cent.

But Councillor Paul Brothwood, member for Wordsley, said residents had complained that the council or contractors had left rubbish outside homes. He asked what was being done to tackle the issue. In a written response, the council said measures included a dedicated waste telephone hotline, prioritisation of work and better communication.

Matches called off due to travellers

TRAVELLERS moved onto pitches at Conegrey Arts Centre in Tipton, forcing matches to be cancelled.

Caravans and trailers moved onto the site on Friday night, resulting in Gornal Girls FC having to pull the plug on their training sessions and Saturday games.

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Salt Cave proposed at restaurant site

A CENTRE for people with respiratory problems is set to be created at Brierley Hill's Waterfront complex under new plans.

Intu Properties has forwarded the application to Dudley Council and it will be considered later this year.

If approved, the development, called Salt Cave, would be created at the former Imperial Chinese Restaurant premises. People using the Salt Cave sit in chairs and hear relaxing music while breathing in air infused with dry salt. It would be the first to Salt Cave open in the Midlands.

Chance to have a say at safety event

PEOPLE in Dudley are being invited to take part in an annual community safety consultation event tonight (Thu). It will be held at Brierley Hill Civic Hall between 6.30pm and 9pm.

The event, organised by Dudley Council's Community Safety Partnership, gives residents a chance to meet decision-makers from the police, council, fire service and other organisations.

They will be able to ask questions about how the partnership tackles crime and substance misuse. Call (01384) 814735 for details.

Conference on services for elderly

OLDER residents in Dudley are invited to attend the annual conference to find out more about services available in the borough.

It will take place at Brierley Hill Civic Hall on October 1. The conference will run from 9.30am until 3.30pm.

Refreshments, including lunch, will be provided and travel costs will be reimbursed for any older person attending. To register contact Michelle Raan at Age UK Dudley on (01384) 354508.

Cycle route earmarked for dual-carriageway

A £130,000 cycle route is to be created along a busy main road to stop people riding bikes on the narrow pavement.

Sandwell Council is set to agree the scheme for the A4123 New Birmingham Road, Tividale, at a meeting next week. A section of grass verge between Hill Road and Lower City Road will be converted into the new cycle route under the plans. Officers say as the New Birmingham Road is a 40mph dual-carriageway currently cyclists feel safer using the footpath.

Comedy night at Lamp

A Dudley town centre pub is starting new stand up comedy nights.

The Lamp Tavern's first event will be on Sunday, October 4, at 8.30pm.

It is being held in the function room at the back of the Batham's Brewery pub in High Street with admission £2.

Acts have yet to be announced.

Action on car park jobs is welcomed

COUNCILLORS have welcomed plans to combat vandalism and anti-social behaviour at a Stourbridge shopping centre car park.

Shoppers using the Ryemarket car park have complained about gangs of teenagers and skateboarders. Windows have been smashed and walls daubed with graffiti. Damage has also been caused to the roof of the car park.

Dudley Council is now looking to step up security to tackle the problems.

It comes as police continue with a proposal to introduce a Public Space Protection Plan, which would give officers greater powers for dealing with troublemakers.

Councillor Nicolas Barlow, who represents the

Wollaston and Stourbridge Town ward, said: "They (the jobs) seem to see the car park as a place to congregate. They are just mindless idiots causing trouble."

"I went there myself to have a look around and it is just an absolute mess. There are trolleys and all sorts of other debris - it's disgusting - and it's just an added pressure on the council, police and other services."

"We hope that the Public Space Protection Plan will at least give the authorities more power in tackling them. We don't want them to move on elsewhere but we need to put a stop to what is happening on the Ryemarket."

"We need to tidy the car park up and use that as

an incentive to get people back shopping. No doubt businesses would welcome that too."

Earlier on in the month, jobs caused damage to the roof of the car park resulting in police giving two warning letters to youths after investigations.

Under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act's Public Space Protection Order anyone caught flouting the rules could face a £100 fine or risk being taken to court.

Councillor Hilary Bills, cabinet member for environmental services, said: "We are aware of the latest anti-social behaviour in the car park." Centre manager Kelley Dyas said: "We are working closely with the police."

Music project hits right note for The Waterfront

A MUSIC institute is to be created at Brierley Hill's Waterfront complex under ambitious plans to bring hundreds of students to the town.

Dudley Council has announced it is working with the Birmingham Institute of Contemporary Music and Production (BICMP) on the project.

If approved, the scheme will bring 600 students to the town to study degrees and other qualifications in music, production, education, composition and music management.

New facilities will also be created including rehearsal rooms, recording studios, a shop, technology labs, classrooms and a lecture theatre. It will also play a major role in organising music festivals in the borough.

Council officials said the project would be a key part of the regeneration proposals for the Waterfront after the council set up a Business Investment Zone.

But they said the project was still in its early stages.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for planning and economic development, said: "This is a major opportunity for us and shows that Dudley borough is a key destination for nationally renowned organisations."

"The new music institute will create a state of the art venue for some of the country's top music students to study for qualifications in a range of music disciplines."

Support

"I am pleased our hard work behind the scenes at the Business Investment Zone is opening opportunities and Brierley Hill is seen as a viable destination for business."

"Clearly Dudley borough is open for business and we will support any organisation who wants to come here."

He added: "If this goes ahead it will have a huge positive impact on the local economy including shopping, accommodation and much more."

The council work with BICMP, a registered charity, to help with planning, external funding and other issues in the early stages.

Dudley South MP Mike Wood said: "After several years in doldrums it is good to see the Waterfront attracting this kind of significant development."

"Dudley borough is once again leading the way and this development will only strengthen that."

Blaze destroys ten luxury motors



The fierce blaze at Central Sports Cars, in Wordsley, gutted the workshop and ten luxury cars

THIS is the scene of destruction after a blaze gutted a workshop at a car repair firm destroying 10 luxury cars, including Porsches.

Bosses at Central Sports Cars, in Wordsley, were left counting the cost with insurance assessors on Friday after Thursday's blaze sparked by a welding accident.

Only the charred shells of Porsches and TVRs remained with the rest of the workshop reduced to twisted metal.

During the height of the blaze firefighters warned residents to close their doors and windows and not to leave their homes. Some residents had to clear gardens of debris and a road was closed off.

Ten cars under repair, including some Porsches, were destroyed in the fire. But staff were able to save eight other vehicles which were parked outside.

No-one was injured in the blaze. Ambulance crews were also called

to the scene as a precaution. There were no suspicious circumstances.

Company owner Adrian Windridge, based at the unit for ten years, said: "We were doing some welding on the chassis. It caught fire and just went up in seconds. We're all very upset by what has happened."

Around 30 firefighters were involved in tackling the fire with eight engines and a hydraulic platform needed to control the blaze.

Suspended sentence for benefits cheat, 25

A WOMAN from Brierley Hill who wrongly received more than £40,000 in benefits has been spared an immediate jail term.

Claire Southall, aged 25, did not tell the authorities she had been living with her partner over several years meaning she was overpaid income support, housing benefit and council tax benefit.

Judge Stephen Eyre QC, branded her behaviour 'selfish and dishonest' but because she had started to pay back the money he handed her a suspended ten month prison sentence.

Southall, of Sheriff Drive, will have to do 150 hours unpaid work having previously pleaded guilty to three counts of dishonestly failing to notify a change of circumstances that she knew would affect her entitlement.

Prosecuting, Mr Narmola, said Southall had been living in various houses with her partner over the period she received the payments, without notifying the authorities.

He said the total overpayment of £40,323 consisted of £13,743 in income support, £23,345 in housing benefit and £3,234 in council tax benefit.

Defending, Mr Gibbs, said his client's turbulent relationship with her partner, with whom she has two children, "cannot be characterised as a stable one".

She had been paying back £240 each month since October 2013 having got a job as a cleaner at Merry Hill shopping centre, the court heard.

Metal heritage and art display

A LIBRARY is hosting a exhibition unearthing the Black Country's heritage featuring a well-known artist.

Tipton Library, in Unity Walk, will be hosting its popular history day on Saturday, which features an exhibition by Luke Perry, an historian and metalworks artist based in Cradley Heath.

Mr Perry has created photographic portraits of workers at Solid Swivel manufacturers in Cradley Heath, housed in metal frames assembled and crafted from waste metal found on the factory floor. This exhibition was a commissioned as part of the Black country echoes project in 2014.

It will open at Tipton library's Local History Day and run until the end of October.

Pensioners' party to honour Queen

PENSIONERS celebrated the Queen becoming Britain's longest reigning monarch with a party. Councillors John Martin and Karen Jordan hosted the event at Brockmoor Community Centre for 40 senior citizens.

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THE big news this week, on the front pages and trumpeted by TV and radio, is that Facebook is to launch a "dislike" button. The small and rather neglected news is that North Korea has fired up its nuclear programme to make bigger and better hydrogen bombs. Interesting priorities.

HOW phobias work. Those of us with a yabba-dabba relationship with spiders will take no comfort at all in this week's news that a British firm has perfected the spider-proof garden shed. The idea is that no spider can get into the silicone-sealed garden hut. Or to put it another way, if a spider enters by the door which is then closed, it has no escape. It's just you and the spider, locked together, sealed together, mutually terrified. My own shed is well provided with chinks, gaps, knot-holes and other escape routes. At this time of year as I enter, there is a sudden scurry of small things exiting.

BEING a good citizen, I have just completed and returned what the NHS calls the Bowel Cancer Screening Kit and the rest of us call poo sticks. You'd think there would be a law against putting that sort of stuff in the post. In theory, millions of us over-60s are dutifully returning our samples. A friend said that until he did his DIY bowel-cancer test, he had no idea how many things he could balance on his knee at the same time.

I AM often wrong in my political forecasts but I would not write off Jeremy Corbyn too soon. While the Westminster elite have been guffawing at his unpolished speeches or tut-tutting at his refusal to sing the National Anthem, 30,000 new members have joined the Labour Party. The more the Fleet Street pack snap at his heels and the more that smart-arse TV pundits scoff at him, the more the Great British Public sees Corbyn as a bullied hero and suspect there is an Establishment plot against him.

AND tell me, how is an avowed republican like Corbyn supposed to sing the line: "Long to reign over us"? Sing and you're a hypocrite. Don't sing and you're a traitor.

THE total debt on this planet is now almost three times the planet's annual output. Every man, woman and child owes, on average, about £20,000. The sums are way beyond boggling. As one wag asked on the radio a few days ago: "Who are we borrowing from - Mars?"

THE lambs in the field down the road have been gambolling, grazing and getting steadily fatter over the past few months. Now a big sign appears in the field, informing us that from 4pm tomorrow the farmer will be selling whole or half lambs. One of the mercies of being a lamb is that you never learn to read.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

It ended with a kiss at landmark venue

A COUPLE'S wedding day marked the final celebration at a well-known club before a major transformation. Chris and Laura Morris become the final couple to hold their reception at The Kingfisher Club, in Wall Heath.

The club is now being transformed into a new restaurant - ending almost 40 years of events and gigs at the landmark venue.

The couple, who live in Upper Gornall, said they were honoured to host the final event at the club in Kidderminster Road.

Work is under way to turn the club into a restaurant called Hickory's Smokehouse, a chain which is opening its first West Midlands venue at the site.

Builders moved onto the site within hours of the couple's first

dance to begin the transformation of the venue.

The couple married at St Bart's Church, in Penn, surrounded by friends and family including their two children Archie, aged four, and Alyssia who turns two next month.

"We felt honoured when we found out it was the last wedding reception at the Kingfisher," said Mrs Morris.

"Tom Evans, Carol Vaines and

the rest of the staff were brilliant on the day and made it so special. They couldn't have done more for us and we are really grateful.

"The room looked beautiful and we couldn't have been more pleased."

The Kingfisher Country Club itself was built in the 1930s with a swimming pool when it was known as the Kingfisher Lido. The hotel and spa venue remain open.

Past mayor hands more than £33k to charities

A FORMER Mayor of Dudley presented more than £33,000 to two charities at a special civic reception.

Councillor Margaret Aston, who was mayor of the borough from 2014 to 2015, raised £33,054 for Guide Dogs and Action Heart charities.

Representatives from both charities visited the Mayor's Parlour to each receive £16,527 at a reception hosted by the current Mayor Councillor Steve Waltho.

Councillor Aston said: "It was a real privilege to spend the year raising money for these two worthy causes. I was overwhelmed with the generosity of the people of the borough."

She added: "I hope this money will go a long way to help these two charities with their work."

Among events held for the charities during her year in office were council staff football and cricket matches.

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Waltho, said: "The role of the Mayor is a fabulous privilege because it gives you the opportunity to work with community groups and volunteers and help raise money for charity."

"I hope people will support my five charities in the same way they have supported Councillor Aston's so generously."

The charities that the current mayor is raising funds for include The Hope Centre, Halesowen; The What Centre, Stourbridge; More Mascots Please, Brierley Hill; The Kingsmill Unit at Russells Hall Hospital; and the West Midlands branch of Lupus UK, based in Cosely.

Homeless ex-soldier given flat rent free

Report by Clare Butler

A KIND-HEARTED landlord has given a flat rent free to a homeless former soldier - after one Facebook post generated a whirlwind of support.

Generous Chris Foxall turned to social media to offer one of his flats in the Black Country to any homeless soldier to help them get their life back on track.

Just one week later a former soldier has moved into the property in Netherton Road, Dudley.

Ex-Grenadier Guardsman Daniel, who asked for his surname not to be published, says he is 'overwhelmed' by the kind gesture. He was homeless but says he now hopes his days of sleeping rough are behind him.

Mr Foxall, from Stourbridge, appealed on Facebook to find an ex-serviceman or woman who he would give one of his properties rent and deposit-free for three months.

The post went on to generate more than 300,000 shares, and one million likes, with people from around the world getting in touch.

Father-of-two Mr Foxall, 42, said: "It all went a bit mental. I couldn't believe how many people came forward with offers of support, and several other landlords are now looking into doing a similar thing."

"It's been wild and quite emotional too," he added.

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"I was touched by the amount of ex-servicemen on the streets after giving such a sacrifice to serve their country, so I wanted to help out."

"Daniel is such a nice guy, and it was extremely humbling to meet him and show him the flat."

"I found him via charity Soldiers Off The Streets who have been a great support."

Erdington furniture shop Cookes came forward to furnish the flat, with locals offering kitchen appliances and free decorating.

Daniel, 37, who slept rough in parks and allotments for three months after leaving the army, was also given a car by a local company to help him on the road to a fresh start.

He said: "I am still in shock, I'm overwhelmed. I've always had bad luck in my life so I'm absolutely over the moon."

"Chris is the salt of the earth. I didn't think there was that type of person in the world. He has saved my life."



A new start - ex-soldier Daniel with Chris Foxall (left) and Bill Murray of Soldiers Off The Streets

New classroom to upgrade facilities

A CLASSROOM for nursery and early years children will be built to replace an outdated primary school building.

Fairhaven Primary School, in Barnett Lane, Kingswinford, has been granted planning permission for the new classroom on the site of a building which has been demolished.

Officials on behalf of the school, in a report to the council's planning department, said: "The school has an ageing temporary mobile structure which is in a poor state of repair and requires replacement."

"The existing building provides sufficient ac-

commodation to educate one whole year group of 45 children.

"It is proposed to replace the existing mobile unit with a new classroom building, in a better location."

"The site of the new building used to have another temporary mobile structure on it, which has recently been removed."

"A new, purpose-built classroom will improve the teaching facilities and learning environments for the Early Years stages."

Building work must start within three years to comply with the planning permission.

Theatre beamed to a new screen

SHERLOCK actor Benedict Cumberbatch will be among stars projected into Stourbridge Town Hall as part of a deal with the National Theatre.

Productions in London will be shown on a new seven-metre wide screen which has just been installed. A series of both live and recorded performances from the capital will be showcased on the screen, which will also be used as a new screen for the hall's regular movies.

Shakespeare's Coriolanus will be the first production shown on September 24, followed by a recording of George The Beaux Stratagem, which is currently enjoying a run at the Olivier Theatre, on October 6. There will be a live broadcast from the Barbican of Benedict Cumberbatch in his current role of Hamlet on October 15.

Howzat! Cricket club getting a £50k boost

A CRICKET club has been given £50,000 Biffa Award to fund an extension at its clubhouse in South Staffs.

Springhill Cricket Club in Lower Penn was awarded the grant under Biffa Award's Community Buildings scheme.

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Building society offers fund help

DUDLEY Building Society has launched its Community Support Fund aimed at helping small projects. The organisation is offering two donations of £500 and five to receive £100 plus additional support from the building society. Marketing and communications manager Leigh White said: "As a mutual organisation it is imperative we support others."

The deadline for applications is October 5. Request an application from a branch or download at www.dudleybuildingsociety.co.uk/community-support-fund-2015.

£1m project to convert properties

WORK on a £1.3 million project to convert the former Arcal Lodge care home in Sedgley into new council homes has begun. The building will transformed into six apartments, along with eight bungalows. The project is expected to be completed in March 2016.

Construction has also started to build homes on the sites of former council depots at The Walk in Sedgley and at Norfolk Road in Wollaston.

The former Wren's Nest Estate Office has also been converted into two apartments.

MP's call to cut air passenger duty

A BLACK Country MP has called on the Government to cut Air Passenger Duty (APD) to boost regional airports like Birmingham.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin said plans by devolved governments in Scotland and Wales to cut APD would put England's airports at a competitive disadvantage.

He said: "Cutting APD for regional airports would help local people afford a well-earned break at the same time as boosting the local economy."

More than 40 pets are microchipped at park

MORE than 40 pets were microchipped at an event held by Dudley Council and the RSPCA.

Owners brought along their cats and dogs to Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge and more than £80 was raised from donations for the RSPCA and Dog's Trust.

Animals were chipped by RSPCA staff who also answered any pet-related questions. For information on microchipping call the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999 or visit their website

Booking for hall teas

TABLES can now be booked for afternoon tea at Himley Hall next year after the introduction of the teas proved popular. Afternoon tea combines sandwiches, scones, sweet pastries and tea in the hall's grand surroundings. See www.dudley.gov.uk/himleyhall or call (01384) 817817.

Five are sentenced over club violence

VIOLENCE broke out between two groups at a busy nightspot, sparking the 'worst disorder ever seen' at the venue, a court was told.

Five people were sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court for their role in the fracas at Stourbridge's River Rooms on January 24.

The court heard bar manager Luke Ellis had been injured as he and security staff tried to break it up.

Ethan Mills, 21, of West Bromwich; Benjamin Wilkes, 22, of Brierley Hill; Geoffrey Hackett, 46, of Halesowen; and Steven and Louise Cooper, both 37 of Halesowen; all pleaded guilty to affray earlier.

Mr Edward Soulsby, prosecuting, explained Louise Cooper, of Wesley Avenue, had been seen on the dance floor punching towards the other group.

Mills, of Claypit Lane, who was with the other party, then started to punch at Cooper's group.

Mills had been ejected but mother-of-four Cooper had continued to cause a disturbance. Her husband Steven Cooper then hit out at Mr Ellis.

Outside Hackett, of Apperley Way, had walked up and punched Mr Ellis to the back of the head.

Mr Soulsby said: "Police had arrived. One of the officers was approached by Wilkes who kicked him in the leg. This was the worst disorder the River Rooms has ever seen."

Judge James Burbidge QC said Mills and Louise Cooper, a home care assistant, had been the most 'persistent' during the fracas.

Mills was sentenced to four months imprisonment

suspended for 12 months, ordered to carry out 100 hours of unpaid work and ordered to pay Mr Ellis compensation of £200.

Louise Cooper was sentenced to two months imprisonment suspended for a year. She was also ordered to carry out 130 hours unpaid work. Her husband was given a community order for 12 months and 50 hours unpaid work.

Hackett was given a four month prison sentence suspended for 12 months and 100 hours unpaid work. He was ordered to pay Mr Ellis £200 compensation.

Wilkes was given a 12-month community order, 150 hours unpaid work and ordered to pay £400 compensation to the police officer.

Borough's jobless total has shrunk by a quarter

UNEMPLOYMENT has plummeted across Dudley over the last year, official figures have revealed, with hundreds of people getting back into work.

Job queues have shrunk by nearly a quarter with the borough boosted by new jobs at firms including Ultimate Outdoors which created 80 positions at its Merry Hill store.

More jobs are on the way, including at Aldi which is set to recruit a total of 80 people for two new stores in Dudley and Stourbridge.

The number of people in Dudley claiming unemployment benefits, such as Jobseeker's Allowance, has fallen by 1,479 over the last 12 months to 5,169 in August.

Although last month's claimant count was down by just one on the previous month, it was part of a success story that has seen unemployment across the whole West Midlands fall by 44,000 - more than a fifth - over the last year, to 156,000 between May and July, according to the Office for National Statistics.

Dudley South Conservative MP Mike Wood said he was encouraged by the falling figures and claimed further support is on the way.

"Our top priority has been a sustainable economy that in turn means more people in work," he said. "It is the Government's work programmes that are giving the support that people need."

"August trends are for figures to slightly rise with people leaving school or college but there is more and more training available year on year."

Priority

Labour MP for Dudley North Ian Austin said: "I celebrate every new job in the area but long-term youth unemployment in the Black Country remains three times the national average, which is why we need to make education and skills our number one priority."

"The only way we will attract new investment to replace the jobs we've lost is by having the skills that new industries need."

The West Midlands' unemployment fall, down 21,000 compared to the previous three months, was in sharp contrast to the rest of the country where the overall UK jobless total rose by 10,000 to 1.8 million as higher jobless rates in London, the South East and the North East countered falls in the West Midlands, North West and Yorkshire.



Fabulous flowers, fruit and veg were on show - two of the prize winners, Linda Hickman of Wall Heath and Richard Spiers from Wombourne

Prizes are given for the best blooms

BEAUTIFUL blooms blossomed on centre stage at a popular flower show in Wall Heath.

Hundreds flocked to see gardeners show off their prize-winning produce at the annual event.

The Wall Heath Horticultural Guild and Flower Club show, celebrating its 70th anniversary next year, was opened by the Mayor of Dudley and saw a record number of visitors to the free admission event. It also included a children's section, art and a photography exhibition.

Member and former chairman of the guild, Catherine Turner, said she was delighted with the success of the show. "We had lots of visitors - more than ever," she said. "The refreshments were provided by the flower club and were all home-made, which was lovely."

Around 30 trophies, and medals were handed out by the guild. Dudley South MP Mike Wood attended. He said: "According to many people there it was the best show of produce for a very long time. I was impressed."

To find out more about the guild call Dennis Turner on (01384) 834677.

Reaction as multi-storey car park plan is dropped

THE axing of a long-awaited multi-storey car park scheme in Dudley town centre has been met with a mixed response from councillors.

Dudley Council announced last week it had decided not to go ahead with the plan on land in Tower Street, as it no longer represented value for money.

The council had originally believed the car park could have been built for around £2.5 million but, because it is in a conservation area, costs had soared to between £3m and £4m.

Officials said the decision had also been made following discussions with conservation experts at Historic England.

Plans for a surface-level car park to replace the scheme are now being considered by the authority.

But at a meeting of Dudley Council's cabinet last week, questions were asked.

Conservative group leader, Councillor Patrick Harley said: "It looks like the project has been shelved. I believe the funding was never there and, with most of the car parks within Dudley town centre not being fully utilised, this could have been an expensive white elephant."

But Councillor Les Jones, also a Tory, said he believed a multi-storey car park was needed in the town.

"I am disappointed to see that once again Historic England has had a hand in this," he said. "It is because of them we do not have a new bus station because they said it would be too dominant on the skyline."

Bamboo bonus for zoo's red panda

BAMBOO is springing up across Dudley Zoo's 40-acre site as keepers have started planting roots and shoots donated by the public.

The zoo's ungulates team received more than 20 donations of bamboo roots following a plea for the plants to build up reserves to feed the zoo's red pandas.

Section Leader Jay Haywood said: "We're very grateful to everyone who gave us bamboo. We've now planted these opposite the mara enclosure, at the back for the giraffes, near the Bennetts wallaby enclosure and in the birds section."

"Once these plants are established we'll have a great stock to supply our female red panda Yasmin with daily bamboo."

The Vamps have two arena gigs

POP group The Vamps will be perform at Birmingham's Genting Arena on March 25 and 26. Tickets will go on sale from 9am on November 7 priced at £11.39 to £54.14 from www.theticketfactory.com or 0844 338 8000.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



A cultured approach to living a proper life

ARE you cultured? I've always liked to believe I am. I've got the full box-set of The Sweeney on DVD, I always insist on Tesco Classic coffee, and would never dream of asking for lager in a pub. In other words, I'm a discerning man about town who appreciates the finer things in life. Well, Black Country life, anyway.

A new survey reveals a list of 40 things which determine how cultured we are, and for many people it will make mixed reading.

For instance I do have a library card, which is one of the attributes. I read a newspaper every day – well several actually – and don't turn the news off when it comes on television. So far, so good then. But then it gets more difficult. For example, you're probably unlikely to find me in an art gallery – I don't know much about art, but I do know what I like. And it sure isn't the kind of guff you'll get in the Tate Modern.

Watching subtitled films is supposed to be another sign of being a well-rounded individual, but surely if you're that smart you'll be fluent in a different language anyway, and the subtitles will be superfluous. Unless you're watching Taggart, of course. Knowing about different cuts of meat is also cited, and I can tell the difference between KVE Original and pork crunch.

The survey also suggested that a truly cultured person would always want to read a book before watching the film adaptation. I totally agree, but I've never been able to track down the novel to Munity On The Buses.

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The Queen's record-breaking reign has brought the usual dreary protests out from the drab republicans, moaning that there is nothing democratic about an hereditary monarchy. But I suspect if there were a referendum tomorrow, more people would vote for keeping the Queen than replacing her with a boring middle-aged man in a suit.

And if that happened, would those committed democrats respect the will of the people that voted in the referendum? Of course they would. Just like the Scottish Nationalists did.

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THE end I.S. nigh, screamed the headline. "The defeat of Islamic State is inevitable after nearly half its fighters were wiped out." Some days I really wish I could believe everything I read in The Sun.

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THE English Bridge Union is now trying to get sitting around playing cards as a sport. And quite right too. Let's just make sure they include pontoon and rummy. And snap, of course. Then I can say I'm not only cultured, but also a sportsman. I never knew my life was so complete.



Tony's engineering expertise helps with each guitar's creation



Accomplished player Sam tunes up one of the latest instruments



Some of the amazing range of instruments made by the Wrights

Strum-thing special for a father and son

SIMON PENFOLD meets a family duo who are hoping to make it in the music world with their carefully crafted guitars

IT has been a long, tough and sometimes heartbreaking journey, but engineer Tony Wright says he is now 'living the dream' – working alongside his youngest son, crafting hand-made guitars in a small workshop in Wolverhampton.

Like most teenagers, Tony picked up a guitar. But unlike most he kept on playing and eventually learned electric bass.

Now, 43 years on, he and son Sam are launching their own business, Lakestone Guitars, and rapidly building a strong reputation for the quality of their work and the beautiful tone produced by their guitars.

Father and son say they have been supported by their strong Christian faith and by their love for their craft as luthiers – a term dating back to the original lute makers of the 15th and 16th centuries. Their current profession is a million miles from where Tony started, training as an apprentice fitter with Robinson Brothers in West Bromwich in 1972.

Redesigning

His engineering career went from strength to strength. Working for an engineering consultancy in Wolverhampton he found himself redesigning the machine at the Cadbury factory at Bournville that makes the Curly Wurly.

"That was in 1982, and as far as I know it's still working today," said Tony, who lives in Gornal.

After completing a two-year degree course at the former Wolverhampton Polytechnic, Tony switched to working in education, and was rapidly head-hunted as design lecturer at Dudley College and then appointed as head of department. Meanwhile, he had taught himself to make electric guitars. "I had been asked to play with a group of musicians who were professionals or semi-pro, and I decided I needed something better than my old Squire bass. I bought one in Birmingham but didn't like the tone, and when I took it back I saw



Sam Wright, aged 25, and his father Tony, 59, are making guitars together in Wolverhampton

one hanging on the shop wall that used to be owned by Mark King, from Level 42. It sounded fantastic, but I looked at the price and it was £3,500 – a lot of money in the 1980s. So it went back on the wall.

"I thought, I'm a design engineer, I can learn how to make one. I did it in my spare time, lunch hours in the college workshop."

But in 1989 Tony suffered a massive heart attack. He tried to return to work but the stress was too great and he had to take early retirement. He carried on with the guitar making and repairs in his garden shed, and also worked part-time as a pastor at his church. His guitars, meanwhile, were building a small but appreciative audience among skilled players.

Then, eight years ago, his wife of 30 years died from cancer. "Our faith helped get us through, but I just didn't want to make guitars any more," said Tony. Sam, the youngest son and a talented musician in his own right, was also struggling. "There were days he just didn't want to get out of bed," said Tony. "He had made his first guitar at 13 or 14, so I said

let's go and make guitars. I started making acoustics because it was something new for me, we could learn together."

Learning to make acoustic guitars well can take decades, but the Wrights had a stroke of luck. Tony had invented a device called a universal fret slotter that could accurately fit the frets on guitar necks to within one 4,000th of an inch. They have been sold globally and led to a call from world-renowned guitar maker George Lowden. Working on a series of projects at Lowden's factory in Northern Ireland resulted in a masterclass for Tony in the skills and intricacies of making acoustic guitars.

He's passed these skills on to Sam and to his musician friend Dan Clark, who offered the duo his garage in Wolverhampton as their workshop as the business outgrew the shed in Gornal. After months of work, which included turning the garage into a temperature and humidity-controlled environment, father and son are launching Lakestone Guitars – hoping to make at least two guitars a month. Currently, each guitar is the result of around 200 hours of work, although they are hoping to bring

that down in their new workshop. Each one is handmade for the client, usually from rosewood but also from walnut, mahogany, spruce, cedar and rarer timbers such as lacewood from plane trees, or even Adirondack spruce. "That can cost £200 just for enough to make the face of the guitar's body, but it produces a lovely tone," Tony adds.

A dense African hardwood called wenge is sometimes used for fingerboards, but the Wrights are sticklers for ebony on acoustic guitar fretboards. The use of different woods is crucial in the distinct sound each guitar will produce, with bodies made of cedar, for example, producing a warmer sound.

Even on electric guitars, the wood makes a big difference. Maple, used for Fender-style guitars, will produce a brasher sound, while the mahogany used for a Gibson style instrument will offer a warmer tone.

Thinner

Alongside a craftsman's knowledge of his materials, Tony brings 21st century engineering nous. He likes making guitars with thinner necks and has come up with a way of using carbon fibre to strengthen them. He is also making guitars with a distinctive fan fret, like his mentor George Lowden. It improves the sound and is easier to play. The company name, Lakestone, comes from the old stone quarry near Tony's original shed in Gornal.

Depending on the woods used, a Lakestone Guitar will be priced at around £2,500. Tony said: "The business hasn't made a penny yet but I hope it will provide a living for Sam and I, particularly for Sam. I am 59, so I'll have my pension soon, but Sam is only 25. I want this to be a long-running business."

Alongside a business they love, father and son have also had some much-deserved happiness in their home lives.

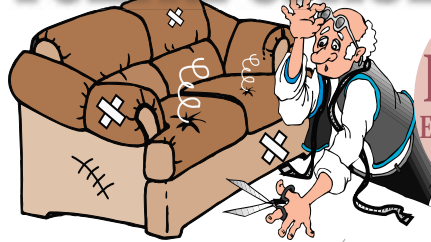
Sam has married – with his pastor father conducting the service – and Tony too has remarried, bringing home a Canadian bride Lonnie after meeting online – "She says she got me cheap on eBay," he jokes.

"She comes from British Columbia, and after we were married her sister came across a batch of rare woods being sold, bought them and sent them to me. What a great sister-in-law is that! I couldn't believe it when I opened the parcel. It was stuff you just can't get over here." For details visit www.lakestoneguitars.co.uk

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At least Corbyn offers alternative

LIKE him or loathe him, one thing that is certain is that a Labour Party led by Jeremy Corbyn is, at last, going to offer some sort of opposition to this Tory Government and will also provide an alternative to the Tory policies we have had to endure (no matter who was in power) ever since Tony Blair became leader.

For far too long the Labour Party has just been a mere shadow of the Conservative Party and the leadership seem to have forgotten their roots. It does not seem to have occurred to them that Tory policies are

Tory policies, irrespective of whether they are being carried out by the Conservatives or the Labour Party.

Perhaps, in Jeremy Corbyn, we now have a Labour leader who, although not perfect, at least realises that there just may be an alternative to the policies followed by the Governments of the last 18 years or more.

Any MPs who find it impossible to remain within the Labour Party should do the honourable thing.

C JONES
Brierley Hill

Combined authority an opportunity

THESE pages have included misleading letters regarding the proposed Combined Authority. Their claim is that somehow the Black Country would lose its identity and become subsumed by an all powerful Birmingham.

Absolute nonsense. If we want our proud region to become a forgotten backwater then a sure fire way of achieving this is to turn our back on a Combined Authority. This blinkered isolationist view will see the Black Country missing out on key funding for improved infrastructure and for jobs of the future.

Black Country council leaders need to grab this opportunity and make sure that as a region we have the strongest possible voice WITHIN a Combined Authority to make sure the Black Country's identity is not only protected but promoted. We can't afford to miss the boat on this.

CLLR D BRANWOOD
Gornal

Reasons for the lack of lorry drivers

RE: the shortage of LGV drivers. It's not just low pay scales to blame.

There are also other reasons such as impossible schedules, road congestion, satellite tracking, drivers' rules, lack of overnight parking facilities, diesel theft, cost of getting qualified, and the new CPC which all drivers have to do every five years.

There is no safe designated lorry park in the Black Country. Drivers deserve a good night's sleep, not having to worry about any thieving. To park up on Motorway Services costs £20 or more, some hauliers forbid using them.

Any accident the police always check tachograph evidence. It's the only job where you can go to jail for working too hard.

It is a skilled job/lifestyle and when delays occur may mean not getting home at night. It is not appealing as a career anymore, which is why there is a shortage.

Just a few things LGV drivers have to put up with.
P WINCHURCH
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Wow, what a waste at New Street Station

WOW, am I mad!

Two weeks ago, our weird, irresponsible, right wing Establishment opened 49km of a mainly single track, rural railway line in depopulated southern Scotland.

Who had heard of Tweedbank?

Next, not a new New Street Station but a new shopping centre.

Out with the Pallasades and in with Grand Central while the underground platforms are tagged along as an afterthought in the basement of John Lewis. They remain dim, dingy and diesel perfumed.

Train congestion and delays are as bad as ever.

The £750m (spent on New Street) could have been put towards building the much-

needed additional tunnels at the western and eastern approaches.

Or, the £750m could have been used to restore the passenger trains and stations to the 78km of double track freight lines in the Black Country and Brum that are literally alongside, or near to, the traffic choked roads.

Next fanfare will be for the very short — but still extravagant in an age of austerity — £100 million for a mile tram extension from Snow Hill to Grand Central, as we continue to struggle to get around on our crowded roads and railways.

TIM WELLER
Halesowen

Stick to rules on refugees

I WOULD just like to remind Dudley Council that according to their rules none of these refugees qualify for council accommodation.

They have made themselves homeless and have homes in Syria so this disqualifies them from being re-housed. That's what they told me and I have lived in Dudley for 63 years.

M PARKES
Brierley Hill

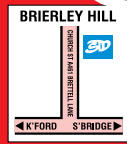


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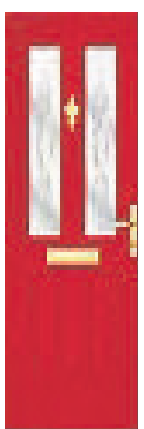
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Wing Cdr Deanesly and gunner Sgt Scott, with their Defiant



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Indeed it was a Defiant which shot down the Dornier bomber that was so publicly raised from the sea bed off the Kent coast over two years ago, and which is now under long-term restoration at the RAF Museum, in Cosford.

On Battle of Britain Day, Sunday September 20, the Tettenhall Transport Heritage Centre unveiled their new display about the Defiant, and raffled a unique framed photograph of a Defiant on test flight from Pendeford.

The photograph is signed by five former Defiant aircrew who fought in the Battle – pilots Eric Barwell and John Lauder, along with air

MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

gunners Fred Gash and Fred Barker, the latter, becoming the highest scoring Defiant gunner, with 13 victories to his name.

It is possible therefore Fred might be the highest scoring air gunner of all time.

The fifth signatory, pilot Christopher Deanesly has very special Wolverhampton connections. Not only was he born in Wolverhampton in January 1910, his father Edward Deanesly was an eminent surgeon at the Royal Hospital, and the Deanesly Cancer Centre at New Cross is named after him.

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Christopher Deanesly flew Spitfires during the Battle in 152 Squadron, but after recuperating from being shot down over the Channel was posted to No.256 Squadron flying Defiants.

During the Blitz, he and his gunner, New Zealander, Sgt W Scott, shot down four German bombers, including a Heinkel which crashed in Smethwick. The volunteers at the Heritage Centre are rebuilding the cockpit of a Defiant and proceeds from the raffle will assist with that.



Thorn and Barker with their 264 Sqd Defiant, showing its wheels

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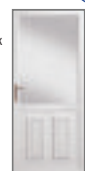
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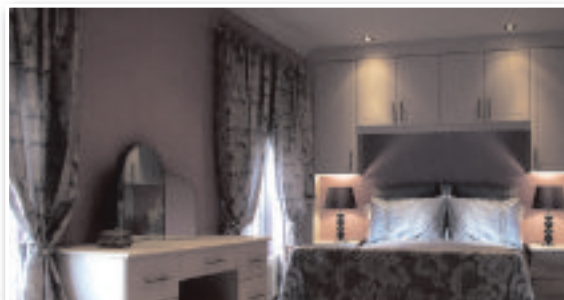
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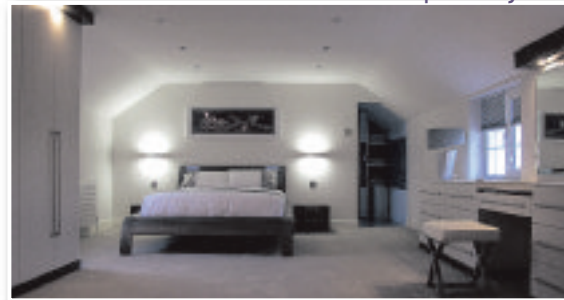
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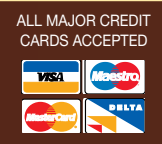
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It was quite fitting, given the theme of John Spary's Time Travel talk, that when Mike Perkins welcomed members and visitors, only two hours earlier Queen Elizabeth II had become the longest serving monarch in British history.

With appropriate musical intermezzos John initially took the society back to the 1200s highlighting many historical dates and relating to them through historical documentation of numerous characters of the day.

There was some focus on this area with Bobbington, Bridgnorth and Himley all featuring strongly in terms of the instances of royalty (Henry II, Henry III, Charles I and Charles II) all passing through for one reason or another.

One of the most famous or instantly recollected historical events with a link to Himley is the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, the plotters passing through Stourbridge as they learned of the plot's discovery, and making their escape from London.

Several plotters made a stand against the pursuing Sheriff of Worcester and his men at Holbeche House, Catesby was one of those shot and killed. At their trial on 27 January 1606, eight of the survivors, including Guy Fawkes, were convicted and sentenced to be hanged, drawn and quartered.

John briefly returned to himself in 1963, selling clocks! He related a few amusing tales about real life experiences he encountered. Mike Perkins gave a vote of thanks.

Members are told to mind their language

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Auction cash is given to legion

Kingwinford Ladies Social Circle

THE Kingwinford Ladies Social Circle met on September 3 at The Royal British Legion, Kingwinford, to enjoy their Harvest Supper.

Chairman Sheila Evans reported that the treasurer Audrey Phipps had been extremely poorly but was now recovering at home. She and Pauline, also a member, were wished a swift return to health.

There will be a Christmas dinner on December 10 at The Station Hotel, Dudley.

Pam Ingman, secretary, read the minutes from the previous meeting and Sheila expressed her gratitude that poorly as she is, Audrey had prepared the treasurer's report.

Finally, everyone enjoyed the lovely buffet prepared by the committee and Josie expressed the gratitude of all members.

The auction of the harvest produce raised £104 which the club is donating to The Royal British Legion to help them after their break-in, and to thank them for their continuing support.

The next meeting will be on October 1 at 7.45pm and all visitors are welcome.

PRESIDENT Sue Cotterell welcomed everyone back after the August break and thanked Sue Bicknell for organising the lovely outing to the Leamington Spa Guide dog breeding centre.

Speaker for the evening was Patricia Boyd who advised everyone to "Watch Your Language", a fascinating insight into how the English language has developed. William Shakespeare is responsible for introducing new words and phrases, using many words in his plays and sonnets which had not been spoken before.

Many new phrases recently have come from television programmes, such as Del Boy's 'lovely jubbly'. Others are a combination of two words such as smog or spam.

In order to emphasise we use two words when one would do e.g. spick and span, or vim and vigour.

Punctuation is also most important, and Patricia read out two letters which used exactly the same words, but the punctuation had been changed making their meanings completely different. She finished by reading her favourite Shakespearean sonnet.

Rita Jordan won the raffle and Diane Birks won the limerick competition.

The next meeting is at the village hall, Trysull at 7.30pm on Thursday October 8.

Jam and jewellery sum raised

Tettenhall and District WI

TETTENHALL and District WI have had a very good summer starting with its jam and jewellery stall at Tettenhall fete in July. This again proved to be very successful, despite the heavy rain shower.

All proceeds are going to the club's chosen charity the Haven women's refuge.

In August a very good evening at the Al-brighton Moat Trust was enjoyed, starting with a talk and then a guided tour around the gardens. This is all funded by charity which provides educational, recreational,

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Everyone is looking forward to some very good evenings up to Christmas, starting with canine partners Guide Dogs for the Blind, beauty evening by Clinique, Go to work on an egg and the Christmas party.

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Formidable fraulein is no joke for Jonny



Not laughing now — Black Country comic Jonny Cole discovers his female opponent really means business

BLACK Country comedian Jonny Cole admits he was left 'battered, bruised and squashed' after his charity tussle with a female wrestling champion ended in defeat.

The Wednesbury funnyman took on fearsome German grappler Alpha Female at the Copthorne Hotel in Dudley to raise funds for Women's Aid.

Stand-up comic Cole became a 'lie-down' comedian, spending the majority of the short bout sprawled on the floor, his face a picture of anguish.

In one painful looking move Alpha Female, aka Marie Kristin Gabriel, hurled Cole face down onto the

mat before pulling him legs akimbo straight into the corner post. The manoeuvre caused Cole's trademark flat cap — which he had refused to remove — to come flying off his head.

"If it hadn't been for the padding I'd have been in serious trouble there," Cole said the day after the event. "I'm still sore after all that gambolling but it was a good laugh and I have to give credit to Alpha Female for trying her best to make me look like I knew what I was doing!"

A crowd of more than 200 saw the action, helping to raise around £3,000 for the charity.

Before the bout the formidable fraulein ramped up the tension by saying: "He hasn't taken his preparations seriously. For that he will pay."

Cole had announced that he was confident of 'putting on a decent show', although his bravado had completely vanished by the time he was in his Lycra bodysuit and prepared to enter the ring draped in the Black Country flag. "When it was time to step into the ring I knew I was in trouble," he added.

The night also featured comedy from Cole, music from The Ronaldos and a three-versus-three wrestling.

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Watson role filled if Hollywood calls

DANIEL WAINWRIGHT
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Deputy Labour leader Tom Watson



Shaun of the Dead star Nick Frost

FOR years the European Union was the millstone around the Tories' necks. Last week it turned into Labour's.

Within hours of Jeremy Corbyn becoming the party's leader and by a landslide majority, Wolverhampton North East MP Emma Reynolds joined an exodus of front benchers.

Chief among her concerns was that Mr Corbyn had been highly critical of the EU and might not only fail to campaign to stay in, he might even have wanted to join the side of 'out'.

She was not alone. Former shadow business secretary Chuka Umunna said: "It is my view that we should support the UK remaining a member of the EU, notwithstanding the outcome of any renegotiation by the Prime Minister, and I cannot envisage any circumstances where I would be campaigning alongside those who would argue for us to leave - Jeremy has made it clear to me that he does wholeheartedly share this view."

Five days passed and another Wolverhampton MP, the south east's Pat McFadden, still did not know his future. As shadow Europe minister his role, while not in the shadow cabinet, was surely essential.

But it was Thursday night before he was given the news he wanted to hear - Jeremy Corbyn would campaign to stay in the EU. The crucial reassurance for pro-Europe Mr McFadden was that it was not just a passive promise not to campaign to leave,

but an active one to fight to stay in. If Mr Corbyn could give such assurances to Mr McFadden, then why not to Mr Umunna?

He had said on Wednesday night that Labour's policy on Europe was 'developing'. By Thursday it was well and truly formed.

With the party now trying to pull itself back together as the dust settles after a long and drawn out leadership contest, the last thing it wants is its own equivalent of the Maastricht rebellion that split the Tories.

After all, it's not as though the Parliamentary Labour Party are short of things to disagree with Jeremy Corbyn on. Some are less than happy with his own record of supporting Labour. He has rebelled against his own party 533 times in his 32 years.

That means he has voted against

Labour more times than David Cameron, who has been in the Commons since 2001. One Labour MP said: "Jeremy Corbyn never paid very much attention to previous leaders' whips so I don't think I'll be too bothered about his." Then the MP saw the positive side and added: "Which means I might get home a bit earlier."

If Hollywood is ever looking to make a movie about the current British Labour party - no, I don't think it's likely either - they will be looking to cast someone as West Bromwich MP and new deputy leader Tom Watson. They need look no further than Nick Frost, star of films such as Shaun of the Dead. The pair are almost dead ringers for each other, so much so Frost tweeted: "I want to thank everyone who supported me and I'm thrilled at my election."

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Adam South's three-year-old son, Jack, contracted Kawasaki's Disease at eight months old.

He was one of the first children to be diagnosed with the disease at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley. The condition causes inflammation in the walls of arteries, including the coronary arteries which supply blood to the heart.

Mr South, aged 31, from Waterfall Lane, will be running the marathon for Birmingham charity Young at Heart on October 18, which supports families of babies and children with heart defects.

He said: "Young at Heart were amazing to us. They offered support on the phone and via text and we could connect with families that also had children who suffered with heart conditions."

Mr South, a teacher at Hurst Green Primary School in Halesowen, and wife Kate have one other child, Lucas. Kawasaki's Disease has left Jack with three aneurysms, which require

constant treatment. "When you look at Jack he is just like the other children," said Mr South. "He has to take his medicine four times a day but does it like a real trooper."

"We know that he is different from the other children health-wise, but he is really sensible and understands things. We are incredibly proud of him."

He added: "I've had so much support, it's been great. I'll be running it with my brother, Oliver, too so it will be a team effort."

Mr South is raising money via his appeal page at www.justgiving.com/Adam-South2

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Jail cut for car gang member

A MAN jailed for his part in a Midland car theft racket has had his sentence cut. Rocky Butler from Dudley was one of nine men put behind bars for their roles in the theft of more than 80 off-road vehicles, which were stripped and parts sent to the Middle East. The 36-year-old, of Fullwood Crescent, Holly Hall, was locked up for five years and four months at Worcester Crown Court in December after admitting conspiracy to steal. His sentence has now been cut to four-and-a-half years by judges sitting at London's Criminal Appeal Court, who said the original punishment was 'too long' due to his limited role. The gang targeted Toyota vehicles and dismantled them, selling the engines and gearboxes to Dubai and the rest for scrap.

Inspectors have told home for elderly that it must improve

A NURSING home has been told it requires improvement.

An inspection revealed it had operated without a registered manager for nearly two years. The report by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) concluded the Hillcroft Nursing Home in High Street, Worsley, requires improvement with raises concerns about leadership and patient safety. The home, which provides accommodation and care for up to 28 people, was rated 'good' for being effective and responsive. But on management, the report

said: "The provider had not met the legal obligation to provide a registered manager and the service had been operating with interim management arrangements since November 2013. "The provider told us steps had been taken to rectify this and they had submitted their application to register the manager."

Monitoring

On safety, the report added: "We observed staff regularly carried out positional changes throughout the day which reduced the risk of developing sore skin. "However, the monitoring of these

risks was not consistent. There was no evidence nurses were checking the records to identify any concerns."

Hillcroft Nursing Home specialises in care for the elderly and those with dementia. The inspection by the CQC took place on July 6 and inspectors spoke with 12 people who lived at the home, two relatives and several staff.

Inspectors looked at the care records of six residents, staffing rotas, staff training records, complaint records and the home's staff recruitment processes.

Bosses at the nursing home declined to comment.



Hillcroft Nursing Home

Old girls getting back together

FORMER pupils of Dudley Girls' High School are planning a reunion next month. The event is for old girls who started at DGHS 50 years ago — the three classes of 1965, totalling 85 in the year group.

They will have an opportunity to reminisce about headmistress Miss Kellett, the education cruise around the Mediterranean, the overnight walk for charity Old and 1970 choir trip to America.

Demolished

The Priory Road school was demolished and part of the site is now occupied by Dudley College buildings. The reunion will be held near the old site at The Brambles on Saturday, October 3.

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Gilli packs her trunk for elephant mission



Gilli Hale from Bilston is to volunteer in Zimbabwe

A FEW months ago Gilli Hale answered an email searching for volunteers and now she is heading towards a two-week trip of a lifetime to help elephants in Zimbabwe.

A 51-year-old from Bilston with a passion for wildlife, Miss Hale, of Station Road, received an email from World Wide Experience in the summer asking for volunteers to help the Nakavango Conservation Programme in Zimbabwe. Gilli will spend one week next August working on the Elephant Relocation Programme and visiting local schools to help teach children about protecting wildlife.

Miss Hale, attended Hall Green School and has worked for Birmingham City Council for the last nine years and she now works at the Library of Birmingham. She said: "It's a once in a lifetime experience for me. I'm not exactly a gap-year student, but after a lifetime of watching wildlife documentaries I thought I'd just nip over to Africa to save elephants! My friends and family think I'm equally mad and brave for travelling to Africa alone."

Miss Hale will be raising funds towards the project through her page www.GoFundMe.com/gilliselephants

New move to form West Mids authority

COUNCILLORS are this month being asked to back plans to create the West Midlands Combined Authority after senior Labour figures gave it their blessing.

Wolverhampton council's ruling Labour cabinet had already agreed to put £300,000 towards the £2.1 million set up costs and are putting the plan before the full council.

And Tamworth has now joined the Black Country, Birmingham, Solihull and Coventry in the bid — despite not sharing a border with any of them.

The decision comes despite councillors in Warwickshire voting against working with the rest of the West Midlands on transport, regeneration, skills and health.

The councils are seeking devolved powers from Government. Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall councils are also all expected to join the new combined authority, which bosses have stressed is not a 'super council' and will not take any powers away from local authorities.

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Airline Wizz-ing in with eastern promise

LOW-COST Eastern European airline Wizz Air has become the latest to arrive Birmingham Airport, launching new flights to Warsaw and Budapest.

Wizz is the seventh airline to sign up for the West Midlands gateway as the airport heads for what is expected to be its busiest-ever year.

Based in Hungary, Wizz is the largest budget airline in Central and Eastern Europe and its inaugural flight arrived at Birmingham from Warsaw with 147 passengers on board.

Welcoming Wizz Air's inaugural flight from Warsaw were the airport's Chief executive, Paul Kehoe, and the Polish Honorary Consul for the West Midlands, Wyre Forest District Councillor Fran Oborski.

Mr Kehoe said, "It is fantastic to welcome another new airline to Birmingham; our seventh this year. Both Warsaw and Budapest are popular tourist destinations that have not been served from Birmingham for some time. We are extremely pleased to be able to offer our customers even more choice and thank Wizz Air for recognising the Midlands as a new market opportunity."

These two new routes each operate twice a week, with Warsaw oper-

ating each Monday and Friday and Budapest each Tuesday and Saturday. Flights are available to book via wizzair.com from £15.49 each way.

Mrs Oborski said "With such a large Polish community living in the Midlands, this new Warsaw service will be welcomed by many who need greater connectivity to visit friends and family."

"Warsaw is also a stunning city with varied architecture and thriving nightlife and music scene so I am certain that the route will also be popular with Midlanders wanting to explore Poland's fascinating capital city."

Birmingham Airport has recorded its busiest 12 months with more than 10 million passengers.

Latest figures reveal 10,004,119 arriving and departing passengers passed through the terminal between August 28 last year and August 27 this year — the highest number of a 12 month period in the airport's 76 year history. It also represents a 5.1 per cent increase compared to the same period the previous year.

Birmingham is just one of three UK airports outside of London that handles more than 10 million passengers a year.



Celebrating the inaugural Warsaw flight with Wizz Air from Birmingham were, from left, Paul Kehoe, Birmingham Airport Chief Executive; Wizz Air First Officer Tony Keel; Wyre Forest Councillor Fran Oborski, Polish Honorary Consul for the West Midlands; Wizz Air Ambassador Angelika Michalik; and William Pearson, Birmingham Airport's Aviation Development Director

Tory group leader hits out at slow progress by council

CALLS have been made to speed up the redevelopment of Dudley's eyesore Cavendish House site — after a senior councillor described progress on the scheme 'as slow as pulling teeth'.

Members of Dudley Council's Conservative group called for a decision to be made so work could finally begin. Earlier this month it was announced that ambitious £50 million regeneration plans, which would see restaurants, shops and housing built, had moved a step closer after 18 months of talks. But at a meeting of Dudley Council's cabinet last week, Tory councillors said greater progress should have been made.

Conservative group leader Councillor Patrick Harley accused council leaders of failing to honour a commitment made last year that work would have started by now.

"Last year the ruling Labour group committed to real progress on this scheme by the summer," he said. "Well that has now come and gone so perhaps they meant next summer? In the time the council is taking to decide on which of the three development proposals for this site to pursue, Dudley College has completed three new buildings — all the size of Cavendish House."

"Also, in the same time, Dudley Canal Trust has sought funding from the European Union, designed and almost completed a visitor centre. Yet still the Cavendish House scheme has not started. Progress on this scheme has been as slow and painful as pulling teeth."

Deputy leader of the council, Councillor Judy Foster said discussions and negotiations were continuing.

Hospital complaints double in 12 months

THE number of complaints upheld over shoddy care at Black Country and Staffordshire hospitals has more than doubled in a year.

In 2014-15, 29 complaints were partly or fully endorsed at five trusts, compared with 13 the previous year, despite the total number of complaints to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman falling, from 248 to 240.

Nationally, there was a 13 per cent rise in complaints, with errors in diagnosis, poor treatment and lack of communication topping the list. Poor attitudes and behaviour of staff were factors in 20 per cent of cases, with non-medical care a factor in almost half of all complaints received.

Investigations

Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust saw the number of complaints made to the ombudsman fall from 69 in 2013-14 to 62 last year, although the number of upheld investigations rose from two to nine.

The ombudsman received 37 inquiries regarding care at Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, up from 31 in 2013-14, with three complaints upheld following 10 investigations.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals (SWBH) NHS Trust saw the number of complaints made to the ombudsman fall from 90 in 2013-14 to 67 over the last 12 months. Investigations were held into 13 of the complaints, up from 12 the previous year. Seven com-

by Peter Madeley

plaints were fully or partly upheld, up from two.

The ombudsman received 22 inquiries regarding care received at Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust, down from 25 in 2013-14. Four complaints were fully or partly upheld, up from three last year.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust saw a steep rise in complaints from 33 to 52 with the number of complaints upheld doubling to six over the last year.

Najam Rashid, associate medical director at the trust, said: "The trust cares for and supports more than 800,000 patients on average each year and we actively encourage them to make a complaint if they feel our usual high standards have fallen short."

"We really value the opportunity to work with patients, their families and carers and the wider community to bring about improvements to our services and complaints are just one way in which we can work in partnership with them to do this."

Stars back runners

TELEVISION presenter Nick Owen and Wolves legend Steve Bull will encourage runners taking part in a road race next month.

Kinver Rotary Club's annual 10k two villages run is taking place on October 4 from a new location, Enville Hall. Nick Owen, who lives in Kinver, will officially start the event and 2k family run and Steve Bull presents awards.

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Rock star cameo in comedy movie



Whole lotta fun — rock star Robert Plant plays a builder in Doreen The Movie, which gets its premiere next month

FILM-MAKER David Tristram is on to a winner with his latest creation after persuading rock legend Robert Plant and football hero Steve Bull to make cameo appearances in his new comedy movie.

The playwright is launching his new film with a special screening next month. It is a tongue-in-cheek parody of the life he remembered while growing up in the Black Country.

It features former Led Zepplin singer Robert Plant, playing the part of a builder touting for trade, and Wolves legend Bull asking for his ball back after kicking it into a garden.

His YouTube hit character creation Doreen, played by Gill Jordan, is the

star of Doreen — The Movie, which gets its premiere at the Majestic Cinema in Bridgnorth on October 18.

The Quarry Bank-born playwright, who created Flying Ducks Studio from his Shropshire home, is married to Sue, manager of The George pub in Bridgnorth. He said that compared to Hollywood movies his local indie film was made on the slenderest of budgets. "Our budget is probably just big enough to cover Tom Cruise's typical sandwich bill," he added.

As well as Plant and Bull, 58-year-old David also persuaded BBC news presenter Nick Owen, who lives in Kinver, to take part.

"I wanted to include a few local icons

arriving into Doreen's surreal world. Our cameo stars were great fun," said David. "Robert Plant, who I contacted through a friend of a friend, agreed to play his part after discovering Doreen online. He's now a big fan."

"Steve Bull, another Doreen fan, was equally generous with his time, and Nick Owen, who's appeared in front of camera many thousands of times before, admitted that he'd never acted before, but nevertheless showed a natural comic touch.

The film's theme song, Black Country Kids, written by David, is performed by Kingswinford's Jess Silk and was produced by Stourbridge musician, Rob Groucutt.

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Shrek is taking ogre at the Grand



Go green at the Grand — Brontë Barbé as Princess Fiona, Idriss Kargbo as Donkey and Dean Chisnall as Shrek

BE a believer in fairy tales when monster hit Shrek The Musical arrives at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre for 16 performances from Wednesday, September 30.

Starring Dean Chisnall, who also played the green ogre in the West End, the cast also includes Over The Rainbow finalist Brontë Barbé

as Princess Fiona, Idriss Kargbo as Shrek's wisecracking sidekick Donkey and Gerard Carey as pint-sized villain Lord Farquaad.

Based on the hugely popular animated movie, Shrek The Musical was seen live on stage in London by nearly a million people and helped Neil Diamond's 1960s hit for The Monkees, I'm A Believer, become popular all over again.

Also featuring a love-sick dragon,

a biscuit with attitude and a host of fairy tale favourites, the UK tour of Shrek The Musical is directed by Nigel Harman, who played Lord Farquaad at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane.

The show runs at the Grand until October 11, including matinee performances, and tickets range from £16.50 to £44.50.

See www.grandtheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01902 429 212.



'Moving me to tears hooked me to the violin'

From tears to cheers

WORLD-FAMOUS violin virtuoso Nicola Benedetti sobbed her way through her first violin lesson, aged four. But the 28-year-old from Ayrshire, who was born to a Scottish mother and Italian father, went on to become one of the most popular classical violinists of her generation.

"I cried through my first violin lesson," remembered Nicola. "I was quite shy and am also left-handed, so I continually picked the instrument up the wrong way. My teacher probably got frustrated and I was just so nervous."

"But from the second lesson on I got the hang of it and really progressed quite quickly. Actually, it was the music moving me to tears that hooked me to the violin."

At the age of eight she became leader of the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain and by nine had already passed the eight grades of music exams. At 16 she won the BBC Young Musician of the Year competition and had signed a £1 million six album deal. Since then she has won two Classical BRIT Awards for Best Female Artist and was awarded an MBE for services to classical music. One of her biggest motivations is encouraging children to take up music.

Last year's Homecoming album, inspired by Scottish music, entered the top 20 pop chart.

She returns to the Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Saturday with a dynamic programme inspired by her father's homeland. It will include Vivaldi's Four Seasons and Tchaikovsky's Souvenir de Florence. Tickets start at £20 for Saturday's concert, see www.thsh.co.uk or call 0121 345 0600.

Nostalgic string of rock and pop gigs

THERE'S a strong hint of nostalgia on the gig scene.

Scottish rockers Big Country, with Simon Hough taking over from the late Stuart Adamson on vocals, are at Bilston's Robin 2 tomorrow (Fri) and Liverpool's The Christians team up with Cuddly Toy rocker Andrew Roachford at the Wulfrun Hall on Saturday. That's the same night The Bluetones play the O2 Academy in Birmingham.

Jazz singer Diana Krall is at the Symphony Hall on Monday, the same night guitar great Albert Lee and Ralph McTell play Birmingham Town Hall. Cliff Richard has sold out his Symphony Hall concert on Tuesday celebrating his 75th birthday.

Ex-Casualty stars in Shawshank play

POPULAR TV actor Ian Kelsey returns to the stage in a play based on a novella by US master of macabre Stephen King.

The former Casualty and Blue Murder star joins fellow former Casualty actor Patrick Robinson in The Shawshank Redemption, a story about friendship and hope in a prison. It was also made into a movie.

It is staged at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday. Kelsey plays lifer Andy Dufresne and Strictly Come Dancing finalist Robinson plays prison fixer Ellis 'Red' Redding. See www.atktickets.com/Birmingham or call 0844 871 3011.

Swan Lake marks silver anniversary

BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet begins its 25th anniversary season at Birmingham Hippodrome by performing the most popular of all ballets, Swan Lake.

The company, which made its move from London to Birmingham in 1990, will feature an ensemble of 50 dancers, a sinfonia of 60 musicians performing Tchaikovsky's score, plus Gothic sets and opulent costumes for this romantic blockbuster. It will be staged from Monday, September 28, to Tuesday, October 6.

The city's premiere of First Steps: A Child's Swan Lake, created for families and young children, is on October 2 at 1pm.



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Something on the side – a fresh salad



Akbar's, at the site of the former Liberty's nightclub



Chicken makhani, chicken dhansak and rice

The spice is right at restaurant housed in former city nightclub

IT'S no secret that Birmingham has more than its fair share of Indian restaurants.

So to stand the test of time, you've really got to offer something different – as well as pull the diners in.

I consider myself a massive fan of Indian food, but I always go to the same place and choose my favourite dish each time.

I'm almost nervous to try something. And I'm not a fan of 'fancy' curry houses. I love old, traditional, basic food, that comes in a balti dish and costs less than a tenner for a full meal. And where I can take my own wine.

Every now and then, though, it's nice to get dressed up and splash out a bit, so with that in mind I headed to Akbar's on Hagley Road. I first visited when it opened back in 2009 and judging by how my recent visit, it is as popular as ever.

By Lisa Wright

Those old enough to remember will know it as the former Liberty's nightclub. Younger readers will know it as the big white building next door to TGI Friday's.

The venue underwent a massive transformation when it opened, and it appeared to have lost none of its sparkle on my recent visit.

We ordered a bottle of Malbec and made ourselves comfy while we waited for our table which we were told could be up to 45 minutes. But much to our delight, our table was ready in 15 minutes.

There was almost a party atmosphere inside, with a real feeling of celebration being enjoyed by the other diners, so with it being so busy, I was worried that service would suffer. However, we were really well looked after. The starter menu has all the usual fa-

vourites, but there were also plenty of what I'd describe as more unusual dishes. Take for example the liver tikka and the rabbit tikka which comes served with a strawberry chutney.

Tempting options included the chicken wings, seasoned with spices in a yogurt marinade and cooked over charcoal. The keema and cheese samosas – minced lamb with onions and sweetcorn in pastry – also sounded right up my street. But in the end, we played it safe and went for poppadoms and the onion bhaji.

The poppadoms were crunchy and crisp, exactly what you want, while the bhaji, made with onion and potato, was again very tasty. It came in a light batter that wasn't too heavy, while the raita was creamy and cool, the perfect accompaniment.

We also chose our favourites for main courses – chicken dhansak and chicken

tikka makhani. I'd hoped for a sweet and sour flavour sauce with my dhansak, with huge chunks of chicken and pineapple, but in all honesty it fell a bit flat. Rather than lots of meat, I felt the dish was loaded down with lentils and sweetcorn. The flavour was good, and I mopped up the sauce with a naan bread, but if I was to order it again, I definitely wouldn't expect to see so much sweetcorn.

There was better luck for my friend whose chicken tikka makhani was thoroughly enjoyed. The sauce was mild and creamy and given a massive thumbs-up. The accompanying pilau rice was spot on, with the grains all delightfully fluffy and separated.

I enjoyed the experience at Akbar's. I'd probably go for a different main course next time, but my choice wouldn't stop me from going back.



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CHOICE



Tess Daly

Strictly Come Dancing (BBC1, 6.15pm)
Following last night's first live edition, in which the first six celebrity hoofers made their dance-floor debuts – not counting the group number they all exuberantly threw themselves into in the launch show earlier this month – Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman introduce the nine celebrities who have been patiently waiting in the wings, ready to show off what they've learned in the rehearsal room – or not, in the case of any potential John Sergeants and Ann Widdecombes. With no public vote or elimination this weekend, the scores given by judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell are carried over to next week, when the first couple will leave the competition.

BBC1

6.00 Live Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix – Qualifying. **8.30** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix – Qualifying Replay. **2.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.15** Money for Nothing. **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Pointless Celebrities. **6.15** **Strictly Come Dancing.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman host the second of this weekend's live shows, in which the remainder of the couples take to the floor. **7.45** **Doctor Who.** It's only the second episode of the new series, and already the chief writer Steven Moffat has put the Time Lord in mortal peril, making him a prisoner of the creatures that hate him most in the universe. Finding himself alone on the terrifying Dalek planet Skaro – with no sonic screwdriver, no Tardis and no one to help – the Doctor only has his wits to keep him alive. How he faces his greatest temptation – can he resist? And will there be any mercy? Peter Capaldi stars as the time-hopping adventurer. **8.35** **The National Lottery: In It to Win It.** Dale Winton presents the quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big cash prize. Only those in the winners' row will have a chance of taking home the loot, so they will need to get all the answers right – as well as a little bit of luck on their side. Gaby Roslin hosts the National Lottery draws, and there is a performance by Simply Red. **9.25** **Casualty.** Terror comes to Holby. Starring Amanda Mealing. **10.15** BBC News: Weather. **10.30** **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker introduces highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester City at White Hart Lane and Leicester City v Arsenal at the King Power Stadium. Spurs have endured a difficult start to the season, and their fixture against the title favourites was likely to provide an indication as to whether they can challenge for a place in the top four this term. **12.05** Film: Mystery Road. (2013) **2.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.05** BBC News. **5.00** Live Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix.

BBC2

6.10 Film: Journey into Fear. (1943) **7.20** Film: Apache Territory. (1958) **8.30** F1 Rewind: Rivalries. **9.30** Racing Legends: Stirling Moss. (R) **10.30** Animal Park. (R) **11.00** More Creatures Great and Small. (R) **11.30** More Creatures Great and Small. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip. (R) **1.30** Two Greedy Italians: Still Hungry. (R) **2.30** Coast. (R) **3.15** World's Busiest Railway 2015. (R) **4.15** Flog It! (R) **5.15** The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure. (R) **6.15** **Gardeners' World.** Joe Swift visits a "drinkable" allotment in London, where much of the produce is grown to make beer, wine and cider. Plus, the first of a five-part feature about botany. (R) **6.45** **Africa's Fishing Leopards: Natural World.** David Attenborough narrates a documentary following a leopard and its cubs in Botswana, with the cats having to learn how to fish to have any chance of survival. (R) **7.45** **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring and his platoon are put in charge of manning an observation post on a derelict pier, but they are marooned when their boat drifts away. (R) **8.15** Film: **Midnight's Children.** (2012) Premiere. Two babies are born at midnight on the day India becomes independent of British rule in 1947, but are switched at birth. As the two children grow to adulthood, one in wealth the other in poverty, they find their lives are constantly intertwined while the nation around them experiences sweeping social change. Drama based on Salman Rushdie's novel, starring Satya Bhabha. **10.30** **Cradle to Grave.** The thought of paying for daughter Sharon's dream wedding is giving Fred sleepless nights, while Danny takes up photography – inspired by the tutoring of his sexy French teacher. (R) **11.00** **Boy Meets Girl.** With Tony and Pam away, Leo and Judy plan to spend their first night together, but he loses his nerve and romance soon drops off the agenda. (R) **11.30** Film: **A Walk to Remember.** (2002) Romantic drama, starring Mandy Moore and Shane West. **1.05** Film: Strawberry Fields. (2012) **2.30** This Is BBC Two. **5.45** Countryfile. (R)

ITV

6.00 CITY: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.45** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.55** Fish Hooks. **7.20** Horrid Henry. **7.35** Adventure Time. **8.00** Marvel Avengers Assemble. **8.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The X Factor. (R) **12.15** ITV News: Weather. **12.25** Downton Abbey. (R) **2.00** Rugby World Cup. Italy v Canada (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Rugby World Cup. South Africa v Samoa (Kick-off 4.45pm). **6.55** **Regional Programme; Weather.** **7.00** **ITV News; Weather.** **7.15** **Rugby World Cup.** England v Wales (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the Pool A encounter at Twickenham, where the old rivals meet in arguably the most eagerly awaited fixture of the pool stage. Since the draw was made, this pool has been regarded as by far the toughest, with Australia also involved, due to the Welsh being seeded ninth at the time and therefore regarded as one of the third tier of nations. However, their recent record against England shows there is little to call between the nations, and Stuart Lancaster's men will be delighted to have the benefit of home advantage, with Wales playing here in both of their key fixtures in the pool. There is little love lost between the two, and England will be looking for a third successive victory over Warren Gatland's side, having beaten their opponents in the Six Nations in Cardiff in February in their last encounter. While qualifying for the quarter-finals is the initial aim, there is also an incentive to finish top of the pool and secure a potential route to the final that is expected to avoid defending champions and favourites New Zealand. **10.20** **Through the Keyhole.** Keith Lemon hosts a revival of the classic game show in which panellists Antony Cotton, Sara Cox and Jimmy Carr are challenged to identify the homes of the rich and famous. **11.20** **ITV News; Weather.** **11.35** **Rugby World Cup Highlights.** **12.35** Jackpot24. **3.00** Show Me the Telly. (R) **3.50** ITV NightScreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.30** Challenge Weymouth. **7.30** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **11.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **11.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage of races at Newmarket and Market Rasen. **4.10** Channel 4 News. **4.30** Couples Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Couples Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** **Location, Location, Location.** Kirstie Allsopp is in the countryside surrounding Edinburgh helping Jan find a new home – but it soon becomes clear that he is more interested in finding the right shed for his collection of cars and tools than somewhere to lay his head. Phil Spencer is with Rogan and Jane, who suffer from chronic indecision when it comes to house hunting – and that's the least thing they need as they have to find a home last before their first baby arrives in three months' time. (R) **7.00** **Celebrity Benchmark.** New series. Paddy McGuinness hosts a celebrity version of the game show in which contestants Jimmy Carr and Joey Essex must decide how 10 members of the great British public answered a series of tricky numerical questions – then simply decide whether the correct answer is higher or lower. **8.00** Film: **Snow White & the Huntsman.** (2012) An evil queen learns that her reign will last for ever if she kills a princess. So sends a renowned warrior to find and murder her. However, he comes to realise his mistress's evil ways, and instead trains his intended victim to fight so they can bring the tyrant's rule to an end. Fantasy adventure, with Kristen Stewart, Chris Hemsworth and Charlize Theron. **10.30** Film: **Van Helsing.** (2004) A vampire slayer sets out to help a gypsy princess vanquish Count Dracula and his three brides once and for all. Action adventure, starring Hugh Jackman. **1.05** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **2.00** Holyoaks. (R) **4.05** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **4.25** Deal or No Deal: Double Trouble – Grandparents. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.35** Cowboy Builders. (R) **11.30** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.30** Cowboy Builders & Dodge Jobs. (R) **1.20** Film: Columbo Cries Wolf. (1990) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.20** Film: Columbo: Death Hits the Jackpot. (1991) **5.15** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **6.10** **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Paul and Steve call for urgent police back-up after opening a locked wooden case they find while carrying out an eviction notice at a flat in London's Docklands. (R) **7.10** **Fail Army.** New series. A collection of viral videos that have already found billions of fans on the internet, including painful prat-falls and hilarious animal antics. **7.35** **Fail Army.** This week's collection of viral videos focuses on the fearless and recklessly ambitious, including a gymnast who kicks the girl he is trying to impress in the ribs. **8.00** **Now That's Funny!** New series. A collection of internet-sourced videos with a family friendly hook, featuring laugh-out-loud unexpected personal moments now being shared with the world. **8.55** **5 Weeks Wonder.** **9.00** **Football League Tonight.** Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches, including the west London derby between Fulham and Queens Park Rangers in the Championship. Friday's game was the first time the sides had met in this division since the 2000/01 season, when the Cottagers did the double over Rangers on their way to the title and promotion to the Premier League. QPR were relegated to the third tier at the end of that season, where they would stay until gaining promotion in 2004. Plus, action from the other Championship games, as well as all the goals from League One and League Two. **10.30** **Stevie Wonder: An All-Star Grammy Salute.** An all-star lineup including Beyonce, Lady Gaga and Ed Sheeran salute Stevie Wonder with songs from his stellar songbook, before the man himself takes the stage. (R) **12.15** The Gadget Show. (R) **1.05** SuperCasino. **3.10** Spike Fight Night: BAMMA. **4.50** Make It Big. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Top Gear: The Best of Series 22
8.00 Don't Tell the Bride **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** Film: The 51st State (2001) **11.25** Family Guy **1.40** Russell Howard's Good News **2.10** Orphan Black **3.35** People Time **4.00** Close
BBC Four
7.00 Operation Jericho **8.00** The Engine That Powers the World: Timeshift **9.00** Beck: The Family **10.30** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **11.30** Hot Chocolate at the BBC **12.30** Boogie Fever: A TOTP2 Disco Special **2.00** Nile Rodgers: The Hitmaker **3.00** The Joy of Disco **4.00** Close
ITV2
12.05 You've Been Framed! **1.05** The X Factor **3.10** The Xtra Factor **4.15** Catchphrase **4.55** Film: Nim's Island (2008) **6.50** Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005) **9.00** Film: The Back-up Plan (2010) **11.15** Celebrity Juice: Ultimate E! ThrowBack Thursdays Special **12.00** SafeWord **1.25** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **1.50** Cray: Beaches **2.15** Animal Practice **2.40** Teleshopping **3.50** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3**
12.40 Foyle's War **6.55** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.15** Wire in the Blood **1.35** Murder, She Wrote **2.25** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping
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11.40 The Professionals **12.45** Pawn Stars **2.05** British Superbike Championship Highlights **3.10** Film: Rio Bravo (1959) **6.00** Storage Wars: New York **7.00** Storage Wars **7.30** Film: Cannonball Run II (1984) **9.45** Film: National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1 (1993) **11.30** Film: First Blood (1982) **1.20** Minder **2.20** Hogan's Heroes **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping
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11.00 The Goldbergs **12.00** Film: Hop (2011) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.00** Film: Maid in Manhattan (2002) **8.00** The Big Bang Theory: Top 5 Penny **10.30** Gogglebox **12.35** Bad Robots **1.10** Rude (ish) Tube **1.40** How I Met Your Mother **2.35** The Inbetweeners **3.25** 2 Broke Girls **3.50** How I Met Your Mother **4.10** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.35** Revenge **Film4**
11.00 Guadalcanal Diary (1943) **1.00** Dear John (2010) **3.20** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) **5.45** Avatar (2009) **9.00** Black Hawk Down (2001) **12.00** Piranha 3DD (2012) **1.40** Clerks (1994) **3.35** Close

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CHOICE



Thomas Turgoose

This Is England '90 (Channel 4, 9pm)

Life begins to take a darker turn as autumn draws in and honesty, loyalty and forgiveness are tested to the limit among the group of young friends in the penultimate episode of Shane Meadows' 1990-set drama. Lol finds herself confronted with a seemingly impossible task and is forced to face up to some uncomfortable truths. Kelly continues on her downward spiral, while Shaun escapes the troubles of the present with a trip down memory lane. Starring Vicky McClure, Thomas Turgoose, Chanel Cresswell, Andrew Ellis, Andrew Shim, Billy Braithwaite, Danielle Watson and Helen Behan.

BBC1

9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix Replay. **3.15** Eat Well for Less? (R) **4.15** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **5.15** Points of View. **5.30** Songs of Praise.
6.05 BBC News.
6.20 Regional Programme.
6.30 **Countryfile**. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison present this year's One Man and His Dog competition, from Chirk Castle, North Wales, and discover the conservation work being carried out in the area. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.30 **Antiques Roadshow**. Fiona Bruce presents the show from Broughton Castle, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, where finds include a book of police mug shots, a Victorian baby bouncer and a musical penknife.
8.30 **Cider with Rosie**. Anyone who studied English Literature in the 1980s will know this story immediately as Cider with Rosie was the set text for a generation of school pupils. Now BBC One presents it as the latest in their season of classic 20th-century literature adaptations. Laurie Lee's autobiographical memoir is an evocative coming-of-age story set in an idyllic Cotswold village during and after the First World War. It follows Young Lol as he experiences first love, loss and family upheaval while growing to manhood in an environment seemingly untouched by the trappings of the modern world. Samantha Morton, Jessica Hynes, Ruby Ashbourne Serkis and June Whitfield star.
10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Regional Programme.
10.30 **Match of the Day 2**. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Watford v Crystal Palace at Vicarage Road, and all the goals from Saturday's fixtures.
11.20 **The Women's Football Show**. A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level.
11.50 **Imagine**. (R)
12.45 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.50 BBC News.

BBC2

6.45 Gardeners' World. (R) **7.15** The Beechgrove Garden. **7.45** Match of the Day. (R) **9.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.45** Great British Menu. (R) **11.15** Great British Menu. (R) **11.45** Great British Menu. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.00** Escape to the Continent. (R) **3.00** Cycling. **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.30** Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise. (R)
6.30 **World's Weirdest Events**. Chris Packham presents more amazing stories, unearthing a whirlwind wedding ceremony. (R)
7.30 **The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice**. Jo Brand and three celebrity fans of BBC One's baking contest discuss the good and the bad of an episode in which the challenges included a brief to create a religieuse à l'anchoise, namely three tiers of choux pastry eclairs filled with creme pat, iced and decorated with buttercream. There is also unseen footage from the programme and an interview with the latest contestant to be eliminated. (R)
8.00 **Top Gear: Best of Series 22**. The team looks back at highlights of the motoring series, including the fastest new models, the most desirable classics and the craziest stunts.
9.00 **Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week**. The ten remaining recruits are overseen by a representative of a Russian special forces unit. He requires them to carry heavy weights through the gruelling hills of south Wales.
10.00 **Family Guy**. Meg gets a job at the airport, while Cleveland becomes a therapist and gives relationship advice to Peter and Lois.
10.25 **Family Guy**. Brian discovers that the cure for cancer is being kept secret.
10.45 **Family Guy**. Brian uses Stevie's time machine to impress women at bars, but ends up breaking it and causing time to move in reverse. When they try to rebuild it, it explodes.
11.10 **Film: Youth in Revolt**. (2009) An awkward 16-year-old meets the girl of his dreams on holiday and embarks on a series of elaborate misadventures to be with her. Comedy, starring Michael Cera.
12.35 **Film: Love Like Poison**. (2010)
1.55 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.50** Holy City. (R) **3.50** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITY: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Fish Hooks. **7.20** Horrid Henry. **7.35** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **8.00** Marvel Avengers Assemble. **8.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **9.00** Horrible Science. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.30** Rugby World Cup. **1.55** Rugby World Cup. Scotland v USA (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Rugby World Cup.
6.45 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.55 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 **The X Factor**. The contestants face the next stage of Boot Camp as they perform for judges Nick Grimshaw, Rita Ora, Cheryl Fernandez-Vivini and Simon Cowell in the grand surroundings of a country house. If they succeed in impressing the panel, they stand to win one of the coveted places in the six chair challenge and be one step closer to victory.
9.00 **Downton Abbey**. It's the final series of Julian Fellowes' hugely successful upstairs-downstairs drama, but fans needn't shed a tear just yet, as there are still seven episodes to go, plus a Christmas special to wrap things up. Tonight, plans for the wedding are gathering steam, but Lady Mary's meddling lands Carson in trouble with Mrs Hughes. Cora and Violet clash over plans for the hospital takeover, and Thomas's job search is proving disheartening. Mary comes up with a fresh idea that offers Anna fresh hope, prompting a trip to London, and Lady Edith faces challenges at the magazine although it's a problem closer to home that reaches breaking point. A day for the family and servants ends in panic and leaves Robert facing a difficult decision.
10.00 ITV News; Weather.
10.20 **Rugby World Cup Highlights**. Australia v Uruguay, Scotland v USA and Ireland v Romania. Action from the Pool-stage matches, which took place at Villa Park, Elland Road and Wembley Stadium respectively.
11.20 **Perspectives: Eddie Redmayne on War Art**. (R)
12.20 Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.20** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.35** The Grid. **7.05** Volkswagen Racing Cup. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** Film: Beaches. (1988) Drama, starring Betty Midler and Barbara Hershey. **3.45** Film: St. Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold. (2009) Comedy sequel, starring Rupert Everett. **5.50** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.
6.45 Channel 4 News.
7.00 **Time Crashers**. The final challenge takes the celebrities back to the Iron Age to experience life in 43AD. Greg Rutherford and Meg Mathews are elected as the group's tribal chiefs and they have two days to prepare a Celtic feast, as well as dealing with the more pressing concerns of heat, light and food. Jemaine Jenia struggles to get to grips with making fire and Chris Ramsey has trouble skinning a deer in the dark. Last in the series.
8.00 **First Humans: The Cave Discovery**. Documentary following the discovery of fossilised remains in a South African cave that were revealed to have come from a previously unknown species of human ancestor.
9.00 **This Is England '90**. Life begins to take a darker turn as autumn draws in and honesty, loyalty and forgiveness are tested to the limit among the group of young friends in the penultimate episode of Shane Meadows' 1990-set drama. Lol finds herself confronted with a seemingly impossible task and is forced to face up to some uncomfortable truths. Kelly continues on her downward spiral, while Shaun escapes the troubles of the present with a trip down memory lane. Starring Vicky McClure, Thomas Turgoose and Chanel Cresswell.
10.05 **Gogglebox**. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (R)
11.10 **Film: This Is 40**. (2012) Premiere. Comedy, starring Paul Rudd.
1.40 World of Weird. (R) **2.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.45** Ticky Toc. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Top. (R) **7.15** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.25** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.45** Little Princess. (R) **8.00** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.10** Zack and Quack. (R) **8.25** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.00** LazyTown. (R) **9.30** Dora and Friends. (R) **9.55** SpongeBob SquarePants. (R) **10.30** Football League Tonight. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.55** Film: 2012. (2009) Disaster movie, starring John Cusack. **4.50** Film: Planet of the Apes. (2001) Sci-Fi adventure remake, starring Mark Wahlberg.
7.00 **Film: Jackie Chan's The Forbidden Kingdom**. (2008) An American teenager obsessed with kung fu movies is sent back in time to ancient China, where he joins the battle to free the imprisoned Monkey King. The only problem is he has no martial arts skills of his own, and will need the assistance of two legendary warriors to become the hero he needs to be. Martial arts adventure, starring Jet Li and Jackie Chan. Edited for violence and language.
8.55 **5 News Weekend**.
9.00 **Film: Just Go with It**. (2011) Premiere. A plastic surgeon pretends to be unhappily married to seduce women. When his girlfriend finds his prop wedding ring, he claims he is getting a divorce and has to persuade his assistant to pose as his soon-to-be ex-wife, but is forced to come up with yet more lies to maintain the illusion. Romantic comedy, starring Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston and Nicole Kidman.
10.55 **Film: Welcome to the Jungle**. (2003) A bounty hunter on a rescue mission in the rainforest is drawn into a quest for a legendary artefact. Action comedy, with Dwayne Johnson, Seann William Scott and Christopher Walken.
12.45 **Tattoo Disasters UK**. Body art tributes to family members. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** Transporter: The Series. **4.00** House Doctor. A country cottage in Northamptonshire. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix - Highlights **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00** Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (2011) **11.05** Family Guy **11.50** American Dad! **12.10** Family Guy **12.35** Top Coppers **1.00** Fried **1.30** Orphan Black **3.00** Girls Can Code **4.00** Close
BBC Four
7.00 Arvo Part/Robert Wilson: The Lost Paradise **8.00** The Last Journey of the Magna Carta King **9.00** Egypt's Lost Bites **10.30** Film: Ilo Ilo (2013) **12.05** Britain's Most Fragile Treasures **1.05** Bought with Love: The Secret History of British Art Collections **2.05** Britain on Film: This Spectred Isle **2.35** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **3.35** Close
ITV2
12.35 Catchphrase Celebrity Special **1.55** You've Been Framed! **3.10** Film: Nim's Island (2008) **5.05** Film: The Polar Express (2004) **7.00** Film: Uncle Buck (1989) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** Film: 300 (2006) **12.20** Viral Tap **1.05** Reality Bites **1.45** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.10** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
12.35 Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide **2.30** Foyle's War **9.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.35** City Lights **11.35** Wycliffe **1.15** Film: Ooh, You Are Awful (1972) **2.50** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.15** Emmerdale
ITV4
6.30 Goodwood Cars of the Future - Racing **7.30** Goodwood Revival 2015 **8.30** Storage Wars **9.00** Film: Waterworld (1995) **11.40** Film: Rambo: First Blood Part II (1985) **1.45** Hell on Wheels **2.40** Motorway Patrol **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
12.30 Film: Horton Hears a Who! (2008) **2.15** Rude (ish) Tube Short **2.30** Couples Come Dine with Me **4.00** Bad (ish) Robots **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Star Trek (2009) **10.30** The Inbetweeners **11.30** The IT Crowd **12.35** Rude Tube **1.40** Young, Free & Single **2.45** Rules of Engagement **3.35** Hollyoaks
Film4
11.00 Man Without a Star (1955) **1.00** City of Ember (2008) **2.55** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) **4.40** Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) **6.30** A Good Year (2006) **9.00** Kingdom of Heaven (2005) **12.45** Lesson of Evil (2012) **3.25** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Battu's Bioscope, Channel 4, 2am
 Andrzej Fidyk's documentary about a mobile cinema run by Mr Battu and his two assistants, the young Amit and 80-year-old Mama. They travel in a rickety old truck and show B-grade Indian movies using an ancient projector and a few white sheets. (1999)

TUESDAY
Finding a Family, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 A teenager who was placed in the care of the state after a car crash left his mother unable to cope devotes himself to his academic career, hoping to gain a place in a respected university. Fact-based drama, starring Jared Abrahamson and Kim Delaney. (2011)

WEDNESDAY
Sliding Doors, BBC1, 11.45pm
 A London woman's entire future hinges on whether or not she catches a train. In one version of events, she gets the chance to start afresh and lead a happy new life, but in the other she is stuck supporting her lazy, unfaithful boyfriend. Comedy drama, presenting two parallel stories featuring the same character. Starring Gwyneth Paltrow and John Hannah. (1998)



The Expendables, Thursday, Channel 5, 10pm

THURSDAY
The Expendables, Channel 5, 10pm
 A mercenary leads his elite team on a mission to assassinate a South American dictator, only to find their target is merely a pawn and the real power in the country is a rogue CIA agent. Feeling they have been double-crossed, they abandon the operation – but are compelled to return and save a captured rebel. Action thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone. With Jet Li. (2010)

FRIDAY
Fast & Furious, ITV, 11.20pm
 News of a friend's murder brings international fugitive Dominic Toretto back to his home city of Los Angeles in search of revenge. It is not long before his pursuit leads him to cross paths with FBI agent Brian O'Conner, and despite their hostile feelings toward each other, the pair work together to bring down those responsible. Thriller sequel, starring Vin Diesel, Paul Walker and Jordana Brewster. (2009)

Carol plays host to the heroes of the Nation

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Of course, Carol Vorderman is no stranger to The Pride of Britain Awards, but she admits they don't get any easier to host after all these years.

"It's a massive show to do, the volume that you have to learn and hold and you have to get the tone right," she explains.

"It's a massive show for one person to do so I'm exhausted by the end of it, absolutely drained. But I'm also on a high. Then when I watch it, that's when the emotion comes out."

Now in its 17th year, the star-studded gala at London's Grosvenor House Hotel will be packed with uplifting and moving stories of courage, selflessness and achievement against the odds.

Carol admits she's rather proud to be involved once more.

"I've been part of it for so long now, ever since it started 17 years

ago. I'm not just someone who is brought in on the night, I've lived it and breathed it."

Is there any winner that stood out for her?

"There have been loads really. The saddest ones are the children who have been ill and then have either raised a lot of money for charity or done something remarkable and then get ill again and are no longer with us and that's really hard, it really knocks it home."

One of the reasons the shows works so well each year is the fact Carol and the winners get to know each other with a big dinner the night before.

"Because everybody travels down to London from all over the country, it's the first time they have met each other and we introduce them all."

"I try to sit and talk with everybody at the end of the dinner I go through all of their stories, and what's remarkable is every single one of them turns around and says 'I shouldn't be here, I'm not worthy.' They are so modest. They get

great strength from meeting each other before too."

One of the most poignant prizes of last year was the first posthumous award in honour of Stephen Sutton, the blogger and activist who spent his final days raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

"I remember we pushed his fundraising over the £5million mark on the night," recalls Carol. "But it's not just about people who have been ill. The lifetime achievement awards are for ordinary people that we wouldn't read about in normal Press, but they have done these remarkable things; they aren't celebrity driven or media driven or anything, and the person who has won that this year is astonishing."

Carol admits plenty of winners made her cry this year.

"One in particular, it was one of the Children of Courage winners. We saw some film at the judging panel. When you read a story it's not the same as seeing it and what this little boy did was extraordinary – I blubbed."



Carol Vorderman, The Pride of Britain Awards 2015, Thursday, ITV, 8pm

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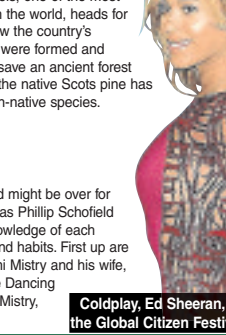
MONDAY
Doc Martin
ITV, 9pm
 Louisa and Martin have their first therapy session together – though neither of them was expecting they would be given homework – while Monwenma is not happy about it when a teenager on work experience starts trying to boss her around in the surgery. Mrs Tishell is surprised when her husband Clive returns and tells her he wants to give things another go, and Louisa has to call Martin when one of her pupils collapses during a school excursion.

Coldplay, Ed Sheeran, Beyonce and Pearl Jam at the Global Citizen Festival
BBC1, 10.35pm
 The Global Citizen Festival has been running since 2011 and last year secured financial commitments for tackling extreme poverty and disease, totalling \$1.3billion – but clearly the work is ongoing, because its aim once again was to raise money and awareness in a bid to end poverty. The 2015 bash took place at New York's Central Park last weekend and was hosted by such luminaries as Hugh Jackman and Salma Hayek. Sadly, the BBC's highlights package is woefully short, but it promises to have all the best bits from the event's headlines, including Beyonce.

TUESDAY
Britain's Biggest Adventures with Bear Grylls
ITV, 9pm
 He's trekked around Snowdonia in North Wales and explored the Yorkshire Dales – now Bear Grylls goes north of the border to the Scottish Highlands on an adventure that takes him from the deepest point in Britain to its highest mountain, Ben Nevis. Along the way he goes in search of freshwater pearl mussels, one of the most endangered species in the world, heads for the hills to discover how the country's magnificent highlands were formed and hears about a plan to save an ancient forest under threat because the native Scots pine has been over-run by a non-native species.

WEDNESDAY
All Star Mr & Mrs
ITV, 8pm
 The honeymoon period might be over for another three couples as Phillip Schofield returns to test their knowledge of each other's likes, dislikes and habits. First up are former Corrie actor Jimi Mistry and his wife, one-time Strictly Come Dancing dancer Sylvia Cacace-Mistry, tennis legend Martina

Navratilova and her wife Julia Lemigova, and Good Morning Britain presenter Sean Fletcher and his wife Luned. The three couples reveal how much they know about each other over two rounds, before the winners play for £30,000 for their chosen charity. However, no one walks away empty-handed, as the losers each receive £5,000 for a good cause – not to mention the much-coveted Mr & Mrs carriage clock.



Coldplay, Ed Sheeran, Beyoncé and Pearl Jam at the Global Citizen Festival, Monday, BBC1, 10.35pm

Doctor Foster
BBC1, 9pm
 After the revelation that those around her are also holding onto secrets, Gemma throws herself into a new start with her husband. However, when the respected senior GP discovers that someone is out to get her on a professional level, she must steel herself as the pressure begins to mount. Simon appears to be supportive of her, but she needs to make a decision as to whether or not the man she married is to be trusted. Starring Suranne Jones.

THURSDAY
Who Do You Think You Are?
BBC1, 9pm
 Anita Rani makes her second BBC One appearance of the week, although unlike her Strictly Come Dancing performance, this delve into her family's past proves to be a much more sobering affair. Anita never met her maternal grandfather Sant Singh, but she knows he had another wife and family before meeting her grandmother – and that he suffered terrible tragedy at the time of India's Partition. Here the broadcaster travels to India to see if she can find out more about his first family and what happened to them.

FRIDAY
Have I Got News for You
BBC1, 9pm
 New series. Team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton hold back for the 50th run of the series, which has been appearing regularly on BBC screens now since 1990. They will find a domestic political climate much changed since the spring, now that the Conservatives have settled into majority government and the Labour opposition has undergone a transformation. But it may prove quite a feat for them and their guest participants to find a humorous edge to many of the current world affairs stories.

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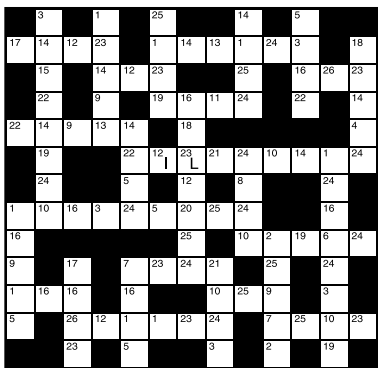
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W	Y	A	P	F	O	J	G	K	V	S	H	B

1	14
2	15
3	16
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

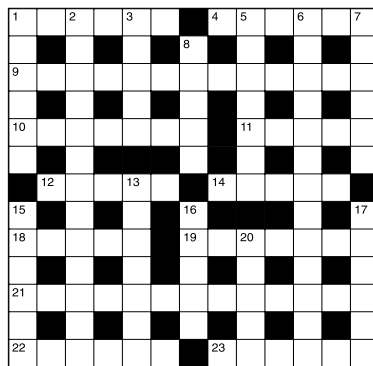
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Begin with a counter-claim? (3-3)
- Attack makes idiot be ill (6)
- Everything free in vain (3,3,7)
- Gives out that I am to get thong back (7)
- The smallest tales (5)
- Pick-me-up in cot (5)
- Get over being annoyed? (5)
- Staggers on film? (5)
- Red racer at pit (7)
- Reasonable stipulation as to not bad state (4,9)
- Sign up (6)
- See art as a difficult puzzle (6)

Down

- Not moving from the attics (6)
- It shows the cost of rings (9,4)
- Speaker, not the chairman, holds it (5)
- Colonist who pays up to get thong back? (7)
- Natural exuberance shown by beastly ghosts? (6,7)
- Mental powers that dispel the gloom? (6)
- Employed party to train us each week (2,3)
- Creatures belong to religious bodies (7)
- Toy with the sweet, perhaps (6)
- As created by quarrelsome actors? (5)
- Thinner person resting? (6)
- Breed to a higher standard, perhaps (5)



Quick Clues:

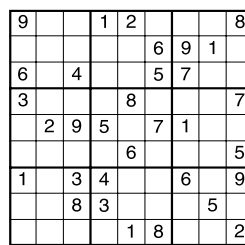
Across

- Seem (6)
- Suitable (6)
- Reporter (13)
- Harbour (7)
- Happen (5)
- Decree (5)
- Collection (5)
- Contract (5)
- Blow up (7)
- Working together (13)
- Audacious (6)
- Opportunity (6)

Down

- Admission (6)
- Vertical (13)
- Representative (5)
- Spitefulness (7)
- Absorption (13)
- Withdraw (6)
- Extra (5)
- Sure (7)
- Flinched (6)
- Less (5)
- Alliance (6)
- Gleam (5)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	1	9	5	8	6	7	2	4
6	4	8	9	2	7	1	3	5
2	5	7	1	3	4	6	9	8
5	7	2	3	6	8	9	4	1
8	6	1	4	5	9	2	7	3
4	9	3	7	1	2	8	5	6
1	8	5	2	9	3	4	6	7
7	2	6	8	4	5	3	1	9
9	3	4	6	7	1	5	8	2

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Pair of braces; 7 Final; 8 Rider; 9 Won; 10 Glessness; 11 Torero; 12 Estate; 15 Forestall 17 Now; 18 River; 19 Medal; 21 Growing pains. Down: 1 Play with fire; 2 Own; 3 Bellow; 4 Air-vessel; 5 Endue; 6 Crossed wires; 7 Finer; 10 Corkscrew; 13 Annual; 14 Gammon; 16 Rover; 20 Dip. QUICK - Across: 1 Gross neglect; 7 Cleft; 8 Theme; 9 Eye; 10 Generator; 11 Impale; 12 Albion; 15 Erudently; 17 Tor; 18 China; 19 Baker; 21 In attendance. Down: 1 Give evidence; 2 See; 3 Extend; 4 Laterally; 5 Cheat; 6 Rear entrance; 7 Cheap; 10 Gallivant; 13 Inter; 14 Feeble; 16 Union; 20 Kid.

Thinking space

Quiz

- When was Count von Zeppelin's first airship built?
- Which famous king was son of Findlaech?
- What sort of fruit is a morello?
- In which year did Sitting Bull die?
- What is a pixel?
- What is the capital of Corsica?
- What is the SI unit of electrical charge?
- Which artist painted Nude Descending a Staircase?
- In which country is Casablanca?
- What are the international vehicle registration letters for Bahrain?

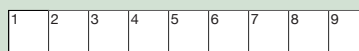
Last week's solutions:

- Quiz:** 1 Allan Pinkerton; 2 Scarlet pimpernel; 3 Lady Jane Grey; 4 Elizabeth Barrett Browning; 5 Cobalt; 6 Goldfish; 7 Tonto; 8 Duke Ellington; 9 Professor Plum; 10 Cherry.
Niner: INSULATED

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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As the winter months approach many of the cars will be displayed indoors and you'll even get a welcome cup of tea or coffee.

In February this year, the business opened a promotional stand in the Cornbow Shopping Centre at Halesowen, where one of the very low mileage cars is always displayed for all to see. This always creates interest and the promotion has proved to be very successful. The stand is usually attended by one of the sales staff who will be more than happy to chat to you, and advise on all the options.

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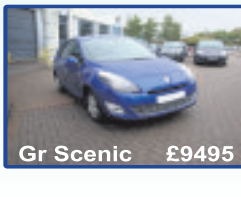
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Swimmers defend the trophy for sixth time

SWIMMERS from Halesowen Swimming Club travelled to Braunstone for the annual trophy gala on Saturday.

The club was defending the trophy and were hoping to make it six wins in a row. After 10 events Halesowen were in joint first place with Braunstone A.

After 30 events Halesowen had surged ahead on 201 points to Braunstone's 189, but was short lived and Braunstone went into the lead.

Halesowen swimmers won the last four relay events, winning the gala and lifting the trophy for the sixth time in six years.

Double event winners were Josh Bradley in the 100m individual medley and 100m breaststroke, Kate Morrice in the 100m butterfly and 100m freestyle, and Niamh Larkin in the 50m backstroke and 50 breaststroke.

Other individual winners were Jacob Bailey in the 50m backstroke, Olivia Jay, Amber Harrison, Robert Jennings and Callum Tinsdale in the 100m backstroke, Lily Merrell in the 100m breaststroke and Chloe Finch in the 100m freestyle.

The relay teams were strong winning 8 of the 16 relay events and included Olivia Jay, Georgia Lees, Emma Osbourne, Lauren Hill, Emily Jay, Emma Bird, Isobel Bowers, India Hanke, Jacob Darby, Mark Laing, Jakob Baker, James Cuthbert and Jack Simpson.

Final point scores were Halesowen - 329, Braunstone A - 323, Melton Mowbray - 250, Hinckley - 240, Market Harborough - 216, Coalville - 177, Witney & District - 146, and Braunstone B - 116.

Ladies in seven heaven with win

Gornal Ladies 7 Stratford Town 1
DUE to travellers parking on their training ground Gornal's manager Mick Hickman had to quickly relocate training to a nearby park and reorganise the club's home match at Coseley leisure centre.

Gornal were glad of the return of goalkeeper Ellie "The Brick Wall" Harwood returning to help us out the sticks releasing Chloe Edwards to return to her natural goal scoring position upfront.

Gornal started well, putting together some neat passing but it was the away team that took an early advantage.

A corner kick for Stratford, curled straight into the top of the net.

Only three minutes later Gornal were awarded a penalty but striker Emily Derrer's shot rebounded from the underside of the cross bar.

Emily Derrer grabbed the equaliser with a corner routine from left back Sophie Liggins.

Gornal's dominance grew with a powerful run by winger Emily Smith who showed composure as she chipped the ball over the rushing keeper.

The girls were rewarded with another goal when midfielder Loz Thompson beat the Stratford defence.

A brilliant double save by Ellie Harwood stopped Stratford from equalising.

WChloe Edwards added another just before the

break. Two minutes after the restart top goal scorer Emily Derrer used her strength to control the ball and slotted the ball past the keeper.

Chloe Edwards headed a ball on to Emily Smith who once again chipped over the keeper for her second.

Emily Derrer fed Chloe Edwards in space to smash home her second of the game.

Gornal Ladies FC U-16 and U15s (formerly Gornal Girls) need experienced players for the 2015/16 Season.

If you are interested and would like to attend a trial please call recruitment officer Dean Price 07860 507799

Problems in traffic can't put brakes on

THIS was a much better week for Stourbridge chess club with three wins and one loss.

On Monday, the Wolverhampton division 2 team began their campaign at St George's and due to traffic problems started one player down.

Fortunately the rest of the team made up for it and won 4-2 with wins for Dave Scriven, Paul Shar-ratt and Eric Horwill.

The Wolverhampton division 4 team, which consists mainly of juniors, were due to play at home on Wednesday also against St George's but unfortunately they were unable to get a team together and defaulted the match.

The same evening the first team faced Telford in division 1. First to finish was Dave Scriven who played a decisive gambit in the opening which his opponent accepted and won quickly.

This now means Dave has played 5, won 5 this season which is an amazing performance.

Hopefully, he can continue to play like this for the rest of the season. Greg Dyett also won and Stourbridge won the match 3½-2½.

The Birmingham division 4 team played away against Lichfield.

Lichfield had assembled a very strong team who out-graded Stourbridge on every board.

SCC played as well as they could but lost 4-2 with draws for Jeremy Humphries, Sam Bradley, Colin Woodall and Martin Berridge.

Anyone who is interested in joining Stourbridge chess club should contact Dave Scriven on 01384 423642 or visit www.stourbridgechess.f9.co.uk.

Lions provide first scalp for Carolians

Kidderminster Carolians 29 Stourbridge 23
STOURBRIDGE were on the receiving end of KCRFC's first league win of the season as they dominated the second half in front of a large Vice President's Day crowd.

The home side featured seven changes to the side that started last week's match, with James Lloyd Jones returning to the club after playing higher up the leagues with Bromsgrove.

Stourbridge started the game in positive fashion, retaining possession, but the solid KCs' defence held firm until they conceded a penalty in front of the posts, which gave Stourbridge a 3-0 lead.

From an attacking line out on the Stourbridge 22 metre line the KCs pack drove forward 20 metres, and after securing possession from a ruck Alex Baldwin crashed over for the first try of the game, converted by Chris Pinner.

Pressure

Stourbridge controlled possession for a number of phases but KCs' defence again held out until the pressure finally told and Stourbridge bulldozed over for try, subsequently converted, to regain the lead.

With KC down to 13 players the advantage paid off for Stourbridge and they scored their second try to lead by 15-7.

In the second period when Stourbridge kicked a 40 metre penalty to increase their lead, but KCs started to work their way back into the game, forcing Stourbridge onto the back foot.

A good offload to Rhys Pritchard, and a similar pass to McLellan, created a second try, converted by Pinner. Left wing Will Varley used his pace to sprint in for an excellent try, again converted by Pinner.

KCs had scored 14 points in little more than three minutes and Stourbridge were now reeling. With 30 minutes still remaining the game could have gone either way.

KCs were awarded a penalty 30 metres out and Pinner slotted over the kick. KC then gained the bonus point fourth try through George Morgan.

Stourbridge scored their third try, with what was the last play of the game.

Ace tennis day as ladies at play



From left, front winners Tracey Jones and Kerry Hill with, behind, runners-up Pauline Clutterbuck and Liz Wilson.

IT was an ace day for the 32 ladies in Wollaston Ladies' Open tennis tournament at Wollaston Lawn Tennis Club.

Besides local entrants there were players from Stourbridge, Wall Heath, Wolverhampton and Bewdley clubs.

The players were split into two groups, each of eight pairs, with the top two in each section competing in the semi-finals.

Winners were Stourbridge pair Kerry Hill and Tracey Jones, who beat Wollaston's Pauline Clutterbuck and Liz Wilson 6-2 in the short set final.

It was the second victory in a week for Kerry and Tracey, who had won a similar open event at their own club just seven days earlier.

The other semi finalists were Anita Shinton and Caroline Trin-

ham, from Wall Heath, Jean Brayshay of Stourbridge, partnering Jo Birch, of Wolverhampton's New-Bridge club.

Kerry Hill said: "It has been a thoroughly enjoyable day - lovely tennis, lovely food and lovely ladies."

The Wollaston ladies' open was revived in 2014 after a gap of several years - but now looks set to be an annual fixture again.

Gornal high five adds to old foe's woes

Gornal A 5 Tipton Town 1
HIGH-FLYING Gornal Athletic ensured there was no upset at the Garden Walk Stadium with a 5-1 demolition of old foes Tipton Town in the West Midlands Premier Division.

The home side powered ahead in the ninth minute through Luke Guy.

Tipton were gradually coming into the picture and Matt Holland's strike from 25 yards equalised.

On 50 minutes, Gornal regained the initiative through a Danny Ludlow goal, and Ben Streeton hit a third from 25 yards four minutes later.

Substitute Liam Morris weaved his way through a beleaguered Tipton defence to put Gornal 4-1 to the good after 71 minutes and Danny Crudgington completed the scoring two minutes from time.

Tividale are anchored at league bottom

Lincoln United 4 Tividale 0

TIVIDALE remain rock-bottom of the Evo-Stik Division One South after going down 4-0 at Lincoln United.

The home side took the lead after just 14 minutes when Tividale gave away a needless free-kick on the edge of the box and Lincoln wide man Paul Grimes fired the ball in.

On 41 minutes Lincoln doubled their score. Andrew Hutchinson's perfectly placed shot just grazed the inside of the post on its way into the net.

On 83 minutes it was deja vu when skipper Philip Male was harshly judged to have given away a free-kick on the edge of the box and Daniel Brookes stepped up and his shot again arrowed into Christopher Jay's bottom right-hand corner.

Kallum Smith to netted a fourth.

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Plenty for runners to get stuck into

THERE were plenty of races for athletes from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club to feast on at the weekend.

The first was at Sutton Park for the Midlands Counties Road Relays with DK fielding a ladies and two men's teams in an regional championship event that attracted clubs from Stoke to the north, Nottingham to the east, Shrewsbury to the west and as far south as North Devon.

With the ladies going off first over the 4 x 4.315km course the team of Carol Fisher, Charlotte Tonks, Lisa Newell and Rebecca Warren finished in a total time of 1.27.58 to take 64th place of the 79 teams.

In the men's event over six legs at the slightly longer distance of 5.848km the A team of Ben Foster, Matt Biggs, James Wright, Darran Bishop, Dave Norman and Simon Hughes came home in a total time of 2.10.16 in 39th.

The B team of Graham Wildgoose, Simon Blizzard, Mark Homer, Richard Tonks, Kieran Pitt and Pete Hood finished in 66th in 2.28.49 from 84 teams with Notts AC, Tipton Harriers and Cheltenham and County Harriers filling the medal positions.

Twenty four hours later a group of hoops lined up with international class athletes and European and Commonwealth medalist Jo Pavey in the Worcester 10k.

Craig Brown was first DK runner home in 38th in a chip time of 38.13, Simon Blizzard having doubled up over the weekend and was 113th in 41.22, Liz Hettle was 292nd in 45.41, Kathryn Sneyd was 424th in 48.07, Lyn Sprague was 485th in 48.53, Sarah Cox finished in 53.33 in 914th, Dave Ede was 1094th in 56.08 and Baljit Watson the same time.

Hackett delighted as Glassboys beat the league leaders

Stourbridge 3 Blyth Spartans 0
STOURBRIDGE boss Gary Hackett was delighted with the performance of his side in overcoming the Evo-Stik Premier league leaders.

Hackett said they were the better side for large chunks of the game and called a double save by goalkeeper Lewis Solly at 1-0 up a 'game changer.'

"It was a wonderful save and it was a crucial moment because we were far from home and dry and it gave us the momentum to go on and seal the game," he said.

Hackett also paid tribute to midfielder Ben Billingham who made his return as a substitute after 11 months out with a horrific ankle injury. "It was great to see Ben come back and the reception he received was wonderful, he's had a tough time of it with his injury," he added.

Stourbridge took the lead on 22 minutes when Matt Dodd made no mistake with the spot-kick.

Leon Broadhurst's 30-yard-shot that was only parried by Fabian Otte and Justin Richards followed up to score. Nine minutes later Karl Hawley got the third goal.

Victory for DK adds to Walsall's woes

Dudley Kingswinford 46 Walsall 12

ALTHOUGH DK handed Walsall another defeat, the visiting team showed a significant improvement in several areas of their game.

Tries by Connah Jones and Rob Phillips with Kieran Pinches kicking a conversion and two penalties gave DK an 18-0 interval lead. But Walsall were far more competitive during the second half.

Indeed, a 60 metre break out of defence involving Andy Fitzgerald, Chris Mould and Dave Pitt should have resulted in a score.

But the hosts set up a counter attack which resulted in Stefan Shillingford going over near the

Rugby

posts. Walsall did gain the next score after Mould put centre Richard Clarke away on a 40 metre run before finding John Josh Williams in support to go over for the try.

Five minutes later it was a similar situation as Williams cut through and then found Pitt in support.

The Walsall winger outpaced the chasers and scored wide out.

But in scoring the try he sustained a leg injury and has now joined the ever growing group of in-

jured Walsall players. The visitors were pressing again and were having far more control of the game. The crucial score came a few minutes later.

Captain Neil Pittaway made a break, he was well supported by Fitzgerald, Benson, Weaver and the Walsall backs.

The final pass would have resulted in a certain try, but the pass was intercepted and winger Nicholas Adams raced 90 metres for the try.

The visitors tried to mount further attacks but it was DK that got the final scores.

Matthew Squire and Danny Hawkins going over for try apiece. Pinches added the extras.

TD succumb to second half fury

WEM Town 2 Team Dudley 1

The third of five consecutive away trips saw The Students heading Shrewsbury way for a match against Wem at Butler Sports Centre.

TD travelled with injuries and suspensions taking their toll as Nathan Jones and Liam McEvoy were named on the bench despite not being fully fit, the loss of James Hawthorne to suspension saw Steve Whitehouse take the armband.

With Kyle Green injured and Liam Jones completing his FA Goalkeeping course Marc Lawrence stepped between the sticks. He was tested early doors by a Darren France strike.

Steve Whitehouse fired low and hard into the bottom corner for TD.

Within four minutes of the restart Wem were level as Matty Owen scored, the goal came with controversy as Wem broke from a foul on Sam Lea in the penalty area, the penalty was waved away despite the midfielder in agony in the box, the counter was seemingly stalled but Owen lunged in on Alex Pinches with a studs-sunged move the ball then bounced beyond Lawrence and into the corner.

Wem then took the lead just before the hour mark as Jack Clements whipped in a cross. It was met by Shane Owen's, unchallenged, head and that diverted the ball past Lawrence as TD found Wem's high intensity start to the half took its toll.

TD struggled to find openings from then on it and keeping possession was made harder with Wem constantly in the faces of the Students forcing mistakes and the final chance fell to the home side as Sean Butler saw his shot high across goal tipped over by Lawrence who did a sterling job as stand in.

Two late goals seal game for the Yeltz

Frickley Athletic 1 Halesowen 2
TWO goals in the last 10 minutes from Keyen Raffel saw Halesowen come from behind in Yorkshire to get their third win in a row.

Raffel has now scored three goals since he joined the club on loan from Kidderminster Harriers.

The first half was even, with the teams only separated by a strike from Jacob Hazel in the 34th minute for Frickley.

Halesowen worked hard to get back in the game. Gradually Halesowen found their way into the game and Raffel reduced the lead on 84 minutes before scoring the winner three minutes later with a great strike.

STOUR MISS THEIR CHANCES

Stourbridge 18 Caldyc 24
WITH neither side able to mount much sustained pressure in their opponents half, it was Caldyc's ability to exploit the opportunities that proved decisive.

Despite Chris Scott's immaculate display of goal kicking Stour succumbed to a home defeat that yielded just a losing bonus point.

The game started at high tempo, Caldyc attacking ball in hand through the phases before an attempted chip through rebounded back into their half.

The cover got to it first, Caldyc reorganised quicker and moved the ball wide where Stour's defences were outnumbered, winger Nick Royle put clear to run in under the posts.

A scrum infringement from the restart gave Scott the first of six successful kicks at goal, outside half Jack Levin responded in kind when Stour were penalised at a lineout but Scott struck back after a tackle offence.

Bundled

Stour declined a long-range shot at goal and drove from a lineout in the Caldyc 22, the ball worked wide to winger Josh Trinham but he was bundled into touch just short of the line.

Stour turned over the lineout and launched a set of short drives, but the Caldyc defences held firm and eventually a ball carrier got isolated and was penalised.

Levin pulled a long range attempt wide but Stour then coughed the ball up with a handling error near halfway, Royle chased a kick down the touchline and all the covering Scott could do was concede a lineout in Stour's 22 from which Caldyc executed a copybook catch and drive, flanker Nyle Davidson getting the touchdown.

Scott hit back with another penalty shortly before halftime to make the score 9-17 at the break. Stour started the 2nd half positively, driving an attack deep into the Caldyc 22 before squandering possession with a chip ahead.

Caldyc cleared but Stour countered, the ball moved right but a disastrous stray pass was



Stourbridge No.8 Chris Depper drives into the Caldyc defences

picked off by Royle who raced 70m to score under the posts.

Stour continued to throw the ball around, Caldyc conceding a couple of penalties at the tackle area that Scott slotted.

Stour pressed attacks but possession was regularly coughed up through poor tactical kicking or handling errors, allowing Caldyc to kick deep and oblige Stour to attack from their own half.

A further tackle transgression and some uninvited advice for referee Neil Chivers earned Caldyc tighthead Derek Robinson a yellow card and Scott pulled the lead back to 6 points with a quarter of an hour remaining.

Replacement James Rodley made a welcome return, albeit in the unfamiliar position of inside centre.

With the clock running down Scott declined a long range shot at goal and instead kicked for the corner from where Stour were finally able to start turning the screw with a set of drives which saw the defence coughing up penalties.

With time running out Stour twice opted to scrum but the Caldyc pack held out, and despite the loss of No.8 John Collister to the sin bin they sealed victory by driving Stour off their own feed, kicked the ball dead and celebrated the sound of the final whistle.

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<p><i>the COLLECTION special</i></p> <p>40% OFF ALL PIZZAS</p> <p>COLLECTION ONLY Discount applies to regular menu price. Premium crust and base charged extra.</p>	<p><i>the WEEKDAY special</i></p> <p>ANY CLASSIC CRUST PIZZA* + GARLIC PIZZA BREAD + COLESLAW</p> <p>Medium £11.99 Large £13.99</p> <p>Mon-Thurs only. Pizza from the menu or create your own up to 4 toppings. Premium bases and crusts charged as extra.</p>	<p><i>the SAVER deal</i></p> <p>ANY CLASSIC CRUST PIZZA* + 1 SUMPTUOUS SIDE + 1 ANY SIDE</p> <p>SMALL £12.99 MEDIUM £17.99 LARGE £15.99</p> <p>Pizza from the menu or create your own up to 4 toppings. Premium bases and crusts charged as extra. Any side excludes combos and 14/21 chicken portions.</p>	<p><i>the SECOND PIZZA deal</i></p> <p>BUY ONE PIZZA* GET A 2ND FOR £5</p> <p>First pizza at regular menu price. Second pizza of equal or lesser value. Premium crust and base charged extra.</p>	<p><i>the ONLINE deal</i></p> <p>£10 OFF</p> <p>WHEN YOU SPEND £30 OR MORE ONLINE AT WWW.DOMINOS.CO.UK CODE: TENDSKTH</p> <p>Discount applies at regular menu price. Excludes ice creams and 14/21 chicken portions.</p>	<p><i>the FAMILY feast</i></p> <p>ANY 2 PIZZAS* + GARLIC PIZZA BREAD + POTATO WEDGES + BOTTLE OF DRINK</p> <p>Medium or Large £21.99 £24.99</p> <p>Pizza from the menu or create your own up to 4 toppings. Premium bases and crusts charged as extra.</p>
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